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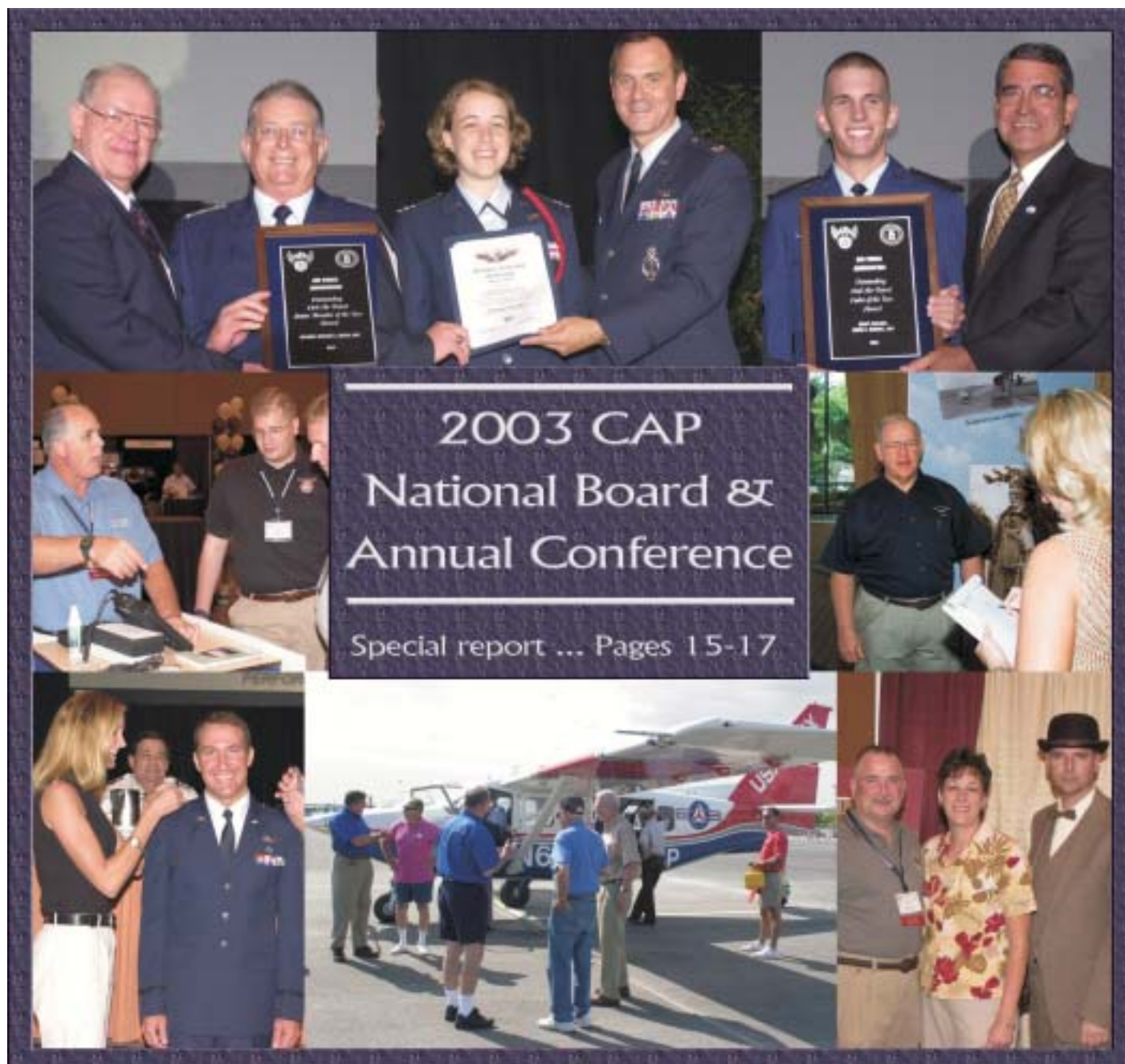
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## First-responder training pays off for Louisiana Wing member

LOUISIANA — Driving home from a Gretna Cadet Squadron meeting, Capt. Chris Barraco witnessed a two-car hit-and-run accident in which one of the drivers ran a red light.

The car hit was carrying a mother and three children, ages 7, 5 and 2.

Barraco immediately notified 911 and approached the scene to offer assistance. Although this was something he would have done at any time before, this night was special because he was approaching the scene as an official first responder. Less than a week prior, the senior member had completed a first-responder course.

"It was like a dream. All my training took over and I was able to respond calmly and take control," said Barraco.

Barraco's first task was to

ensure his own safety and then that of the scene. He immediately intervened when bystanders began to rush in to help, oblivious of the traffic.

He was able then to begin to triage the patients, noting who was injured the most severely. He communicated his findings with 911 dispatch, and began treatment of the most worrisome patient.

As the highest trained medical responder on the scene, Barraco not only treated the patients, but was able to direct bystanders and ensure they did no further harm in their attempts to help.

Barraco remained on-scene until the paramedic crew arrived, and then he assisted them with loading up the patients for transport.

"I could hear my instructor's voice telling me the next step — what to do and

what not to do in each case," Barraco said.

His instructor, 1st Lt. Lara Traylor was thrilled for him. "It's the best feeling in the world to have a student call you, all excited and confident, about how they used the skills you taught them," she said.

Traylor volunteered her time to teach the class to six Louisiana Wing members and a member of a local search and rescue dog team. She worked with the sponsoring agency, Nunez Community College in Chalmette, La., and her EMT instructor, Sandra LeBlanc, to get the books, class and materials donated for the volunteers.

The group met at Louisiana Wing Headquarters, with the blessing of the Col. Rodney Ammons, wing commander.

"Although First Response is not a CAP mission, I encour-

age our members to pursue training to strengthen their skills," said Ammons, "I'm delighted that this training was able to reap rewards so quickly."

Other wing members who completed the training included: Maj. Michael Traylor, Gretna squadron commander; 2nd Lt. Tom Crais, Gretna squadron; Cadet Maj. Christie Ducote, Gretna squadron; Capt. Don Ducote, wing safety officer; and Sr. Mbr. David Cox, Billy Mitchell Composite Squadron.

For Barraco, the night is one he won't soon forget. "When it was all over and I was back in my car, my knees went weak. I realized everything that had happened. It was a great experience for me and I know this training will enhance the work I do as a ground team leader."

*1st Lt. Lara Traylor*

## Pennsylvania cadet making a difference as Guard member

PENNSYLVANIA — Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Worthington of Pennsylvania Wing's Wyoming Composite Squadron spent the weekend with members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

As a potential recruit, Worthington was a guest of the

Guard's Company A, 2nd Battalion, 103rd Armor Regiment during a drill weekend.

Worthington served as a loader during a simulated networking battle with a tank platoon. He also observed live fire of the M-1 Abrams' coaxial 240G and commander's .50 caliber machine guns.

Worthington's squadron commander, Capt. Shawn Stanford, is also a corporal in the same Guard unit.

Shortly after his visit, the cadet joined the unit. He will attend boot camp and advanced training in early 2004, and hopes to be a 19K M1 Abrams tank crewman. Until that time, he will be drilling with the unit on weekends as a paid Guardsman.

*Capt. Shawn Stanford*



Cadet Daniel Worthington

## Texas Wing major earns Stellar Award for contributions to America's space program

TEXAS — Maj. Steven R. King of Texas Wing's Ellington Composite Squadron in Houston received one of 18 prestigious Stellar awards given by the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation.

Since 1985, the awards have been presented annually to recognize outstanding individuals and teams from industry and government who have made significant contributions to the future of our nation's space program.

King was recognized in the middle-career category (age 34-50) for his 18 years of contributions to the design, develop-

ment, test and evaluation of human space vehicles and mechanisms. His projects have ranged from space shuttle orbiter landing/deceleration system upgrades and various shuttle and space station flight items, to the development of advanced vehicles such as the inflatable TransHab, Orbital Space Plane and X-38 prototype life boat for the space station.

King is currently employed by Lockheed Martin Space Operations at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

King joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 1977 with the Delta Composite Squadron in Houston. As a senior member, he has been involved with cadet programs, and emergency services as a ground team leader and mission observer.



Maj. Steven R. King



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## "You find out the needs of others and always put them before yourself."

Pennsylvania Wing Cadet Maj. Kelly Cressman on Hawk Mountain Ranger School [Story on Page 13]

### ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME THUNDERBIRDS PRESENTATION



Cadet 2nd Lt. Mike McMurray of Indiana Wing's Illinois Valley Composite Squadron was presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award on July 4th by the members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Air Force Lt. Col. Richard McSpadden, Thunderbirds commander and leader, and the rest of the Thunderbirds pilots presented McMurray his Mitchell at the Greater Regional Peoria Airport, where they were performing to benefit the Prairie Aviation Museum and its Challenger Learning Center, which opens Dec. 17 on the 100th anniversary of powered flight. For more on this story, turn to the Great Lakes Region on Page 24 in the new HIGHLIGHTS section of the newspaper.

### Missouri ground team searches for missing fisherman

MISSOURI — A ground team with Missouri Wing's Frontier Composite Squadron helped search for a missing man July 21 in St. Joseph, Mo.

The man was reported missing the day before and was last seen along the banks of the Missouri River with his fishing rod and tackle box — items later found on the river bank where he was last seen.

Members of the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department,

Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri Wing's Frontier and Pony Express Composite squadrons searched along the riverbank. The mission was finally cancelled at approximately 10 p.m. when searchers were unable to find any trace of the man.

Cadet Maj. Jacob Whitehead stated that, "The excellent training we received in CAP was beneficial in our

search. Unfortunately, we were unable to find him."

Members of Frontier squadron's ground team included: Capt. Dean Christy, squadron commander; Cadet Maj. Jacob Whitehead, cadet commander, and Stephen Knoche, executive officer; Cadet 1st Lt. Andrew Luke, flight commander; and Cadet Master Sgt. Scott Christy, flight sergeant.

*Capt. Shannon Whitehead*

### Utah crew locates missing Cessna

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION — In response to an Idaho Wing request, the Utah Wing helped search for and located a missing Cessna C-180 with one person on board.

The aircraft — last seen taking off from Idaho's Flying B Airstrip next to the Salmon River — had been missing for about two weeks. Attempts to locate it by the Idaho Wing and eight volunteer private aircraft proved unsuccessful.

The Utah Wing responded with seven aircraft flying into Nampa, Idaho, the day of the request. The next day, two of the planes with Utah's Bountiful squadron set out. Mission

pilot Dennis Back and observers Neil Q. Taylor and Martin Hawking were in one plane. Mission pilot Doug Kenny and observers Robert Searle and Donna Todd were in the other, which was serving as "high bird."

After searching the grid for one hour, Taylor spotted the plane upside down with its right wing detached. The crash site was about eight miles from its take off point.

A military helicopter with ground crew flew to the site and confirmed it was the missing Cessna and that the pilot did not survive the crash.

*Capt. Russ Taylor*

### IN captain gets master CFI rating

INDIANA — Capt. David Dodson, Indiana Wing's was recently designated a master certificated flight instructor by the National Association of Flight Instructors.

To help put this achievement in perspective, there are approximately 81,000 CFIs in the United States. The last eight national Flight Instructors of the Year were master

CFIs, and Dodson is one of only 11 Indiana aviation educators who have earned this prestigious "master" title.

Dodson — a resident of Granger, Ind. — also serves as the South Bend Composite Squadron operations director and Indiana Wing judge advocate.

*Capt. Jeremy Reynolds*

### VFW AWARD WINNERS



Three members of New Jersey Wing's Ocean Composite Squadron proudly display their Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9503 awards. From left, Cadet 2nd Lt. Regina Tarnowski, a post and district winner for her essay, "My Pledge to America," Col. John Hermack, winner of a post commendation award for his leadership of Ocean squadron, and Cadet 2nd Lt. Janis Mercadante, winner a post award for her speech, "Freedom's Obligations."

### Colorado museum seeking F-104 pilots for dedication, reunion

The Pueblo (Colo.) Weisbrod Aircraft Museum has acquired an F-104A Starfighter from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The museum's plan is to formally dedicate the aircraft on May 22, 2004. Museum officials are seeking the names and addresses of former F-104 pilots to invite to the

dedication. The dedication also would serve as an informal reunion, and allow the public to meet and hear the stories of the men who flew this extraordinary aircraft. If any former F-104 pilots would like to donate memorabilia for a future F-104 display, they may contact Dr. Ray Sisson, museum curator, at 719-948-9219 or

sisson@uscolo.edu.

Contact information: Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum, Attn: Jason Unwin — Aerospace Education Officer, 31001 Magnuson Ave., Pueblo, CO 81001, 719-942-3125 (H), 719-671-2407 (C), 719-948-9219 (M), jbu@piopc.net.





## Civil Air Patrol receives first-year NAA award; named '03 Champion of Public Benefit Flying

**Melanie LeMay**  
Public Relations Specialist  
CAP National Headquarters

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol — and its 64,000 volunteer members nationwide — was named the National Aeronautic Association's Champion of Public Benefit Flying for 2003.

The award is one of only five given by the NAA and Air Care Alliance to recognize outstanding service to the community. This is the first year the awards have been presented.

NAA presented the award to CAP Sept. 10 at a special Capitol Hill reception and ceremony called "Above and Beyond" in Washington, D.C. Accepting the award for CAP was Northeast Region Commander Col. Richard A. Greenhut.

According to NAA President Donald Koranda, it was time for a national organization to give credit to the amazing number of volunteers who work behind the scenes to devote their love of flying to humanitarian purposes.

"Every day, these people are serving their communities, both on the ground and in the air, flying people to medical facilities, airlifting supplies to disaster victims, and assisting with other charitable causes," said Koranda. "Until now, there was no formal means of publicly acknowledging their dedication."

CAP Executive Director Al Allenback expressed CAP's gratitude for being selected for this first-time NAA award.

"Civil Air Patrol is honored to be one of the first recipients of this award," said Allenback. "Our organization has promoted aviation for more than 60 years as a way to serve our country. It's gratifying for our members to see the positive impact of their dedication and hard work."

First formed in 1941 during World War II, CAP continues to support a variety of homeland se-



Representing Civil Air Patrol, Northeast Region Commander Col. Richard A. Greenhut, center, accepts the National Aeronautic Association's 2003 Champion of Public Benefit Flying Award from Don Koranda, left, president and chief executive officer of NAA, and Rol Murrow, chairman and CEO of Air Care Alliance.

curity and humanitarian efforts. For several years, CAP personnel have supported federal, state and local agencies in counterdrug missions. Since becoming involved in the war on drugs, CAP has assisted law enforcement agencies in taking billions of dollars in illegal drugs off the street.

After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, CAP personnel took some of the first damage assessment photos, manned critical positions in several FEMA regional operations centers, and transported thousands of pints of blood and tissue samples that otherwise would have spoiled due to transportation problems throughout the country. Last year, CAP flew almost 600 hours of reconnaissance for the Olympic Games, and was the only volunteer organization providing full-time aviation support for doz-

ens of federal and state agencies represented in the aviation task force.

So far this year, CAP has flown more than 15,000 hours and has been credited with saving 115 lives. CAP has also flown over 475

hours in response to the Shuttle Columbia disaster and expended over 1,000 man-days searching for debris. Through a partnership with AOPA and the Transportation Security Administration, CAP has become an active participant in the AOPA Airport Watch Program.

"CAP volunteers are definitely making a difference," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling. "Every day we improve our technology, resources and training so we can continue to provide cost-effective, professional services for many years to come."

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**Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling**  
CAP National Commander

## HURRICANE ISABEL



Air Force Rescue Coordination Center controllers from Langley Air Force Base, Va., track the path of Hurricane Isabel from Civil Air Patrol's National Technology Center in Richmond, Va.

## CAP, Air Force join forces to face storm's onslaught

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — As Hurricane Isabel loomed on the Eastern seaboard, Civil Air Patrol members helped the Air Force manage storm-related operations.

The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Va., moved its operations to CAP's National Technology Center at the Defense Supply Center Richmond in Richmond, Va., because Langley was in the projected path of the hurricane, which was expected to hit the area the afternoon of Sept. 18.

Earlier this year, the AFRCC relocation team surveyed the facilities and determined the NTC was equipped with skilled personnel and equipment to support the U.S. Inland search and rescue system. The NTC normally provides support for CAP operations and communications nationwide, maintenance for CAP's communications network and hosts several mission-critical Internet systems.

"We understand what the AFRCC needs because we do similar work," said Pete Wharton, manager of the NTC. "If the AFRCC rescue controllers are unable to work from their center at Langley, we're able to support them with the office space, computer network connections, telephones, and radios — virtually everything they need — to operate as usual. Plus, they're already familiar with us."

CAP conducts more than 95 percent of all AFRCC-tasks inland search and rescue missions throughout the United States and works daily with AFRCC staff. "For the AFRCC, this facility provides us with one of the best remote operating locations we've seen," stated Maj. Dave Martens, AFRCC Relocation Coordinator, "We really appreciate CAP's support."

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## ■ ASSOCIATIONS ADVANCE AMERICA SUMMIT AWARD

**ASAE honors CAP for its '9-11' work**

**Melanie LeMay**  
*Public Relations Specialist*  
*CAP National Headquarters*

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS** — For its work in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Civil Air Patrol has been selected to receive the prestigious Associations Advance America Summit Award.

CAP is one of only six associations chosen for this award, the highest honor bestowed by the American Society of Association Executives upon organizations that implement new and innovative community-based programs. CAP was chosen from nearly 300 entries in this year's award program.

The Summit Award recognizes outstanding work in public education and information, business and social innovation, citizenship, and civic and community volunteerism. CAP officials will receive the award at the 4th Annual Summit Awards Dinner at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., Sept. 30.

CAP was chosen for its members' volunteer work following the tragic events of Sept. 11. After the attacks, CAP aircrews were requested to fly reconnaissance and damage-assessment missions over the World Trade Center in New York City. During those flights, members took some of the first aerial photos used by emergency management agencies for assessment. Members also manned critical positions in emergency operations centers and transported thousands of pints of blood all over the country that otherwise would have spoiled and become unusable. Since the attacks, CAP members have continued to perform homeland security missions over critical infrastructure sites throughout the United States.

"To be recognized with a Summit Award for our work in the aftermath of Sept. 11 is a great honor for our

members," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling. "It's a tribute to their hard work day after day in training, maintaining equipment and cultivating resources that they were so well-prepared to respond when the nation faced an emergency of that magnitude."

"Speaking on behalf of the Associations Advance America Committee, we are continually amazed and impressed at the quality of new programs and services being generated by associations each year to benefit our communities locally and nationwide," said Daniel Fullenkamp, committee chairman and senior vice president, First Union/Wachovia Bank. "All of our winners exemplify the broad mission of associations to unite behind society's common goals and values — a mission we honor with the ASAE Summit Award."

**New, improved CAP Web site online**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS** — The new Civil Air Patrol Web site at [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) went online Sept. 2, and the reviews to date are unanimous — it's going to be an outstanding "stop" on the World Wide Web.

According to Ron Meanor, Web manager at CAP National Headquarters, CAP members and the general public will benefit greatly from the new site. "The new site is easier to navigate, information is easier to find, it has a more efficient Web structure, and has a much cleaner look and feel — complete with up-to-date graphics and images.

The national headquarters staff worked with a host of professionals during the yearlong changeover, including: Global Reach, a Web site design company out of Ames, Iowa; Tim Frantz, CAP's electronic marketing chief; and Great Lakes Region Commander Col. Bill Webb.

To date, not all of the content has been moved from CAP's old site at [www.capnhq.gov](http://www.capnhq.gov), but everyone in their respective departments at national is working hard to make that happen as soon as possible.

"Members have to understand this effort requires the migration of about 16,000 pages — all of which have to be reviewed for currency and relevancy — and then placed on the new site," said Meanor.

According to Meanor, all of the information from the old site should be up and running on [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) by December.



"When the material is back on line and all of the links are working, everyone is going to be quite pleased and proud to have such a cool Web site," said Meanor.

According to Great Lakes Region Commander Col. Bill Webb, the much-needed site overhaul is a major step in the right direction. "I'm excited about the new site. Though it's been some time in development, I'm really happy to see it become a more public portal, compared to what CAP was using before. Until this changeover, our site was more member-friendly than public-friendly. This site is a giant leap in the right direction."



## CAP members play key role in Determined Promise '03

**Maj. Alice Mansell**  
Director of Public Affairs  
California Wing

LAS VEGAS — During the last two weeks of August, Civil Air Patrol members participated in Determined Promise '03 for the U.S. military's Northern Command, U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, state of Nevada and Clark County (Nev.).

The exercise scenario called for a terrorist release of pneumonic plague on Aug. 15 on the Las Vegas Strip to be contained by a quarantine and assistance from scores of local, state and federal response agencies and organizations. In addition, tabletop responses occurred for an airplane hijacking, a train derailment and a hurricane in other parts of the country, plus a flash flood in Las Vegas.

On Aug. 19, Nevada's Department of Emergency Management alerted CAP's Nevada Wing in accordance with the state disaster response plan. Wing aircrews were tasked on Aug. 20 and 21 to patrol highways in anticipation of movement of Strategic National Stockpile pharmaceuticals and medical equipment to a dispensing site where more than 100 volunteers stood in lines to receive treatment.

At the same time Nevada Wing aircraft were patrolling highways for Determined Promise, four other wing aircraft were airborne on an real-world multi-state missing-aircraft search between Phoenix and Las Vegas. California Wing also launched four aircraft in support of the search. The missing

aircraft was located safe on the ground at Lake Havasu Airport Aug. 21.

"This demonstrates we can easily support both state and federal taskings without exhausting CAP's resources," said Lt. Col. Charles King of the Nevada Wing.

CAP has more than 60,000 members, owns 550 aircraft and has access to over 4,000 member-furnished aircraft. CAP also owns or has access to thousands of ground vehicles plus radios with a nationwide repeater network with frequencies dedicated for exclusive CAP use.

On Aug. 23, Determined Promise called for state and local responders to become overwhelmed and ask for federal assistance. On Aug. 25, the Nevada Wing was tasked jointly by the state and Joint Task Force of U.S. Northern Command to fly aerial reconnaissance of Clark County's quarantined borders and crowd locations and traffic jams. The tasking included taking digital pictures of specific sites such as medication-dispensing locations at high schools and a hospital facility at a convention center. Wing aircrews were also tasked to take comparison photos of airfields to look for "quarantine breakers" while the scenario called for virtually all aircraft to be grounded.

On Aug. 26, the Nevada Wing continued with the same taskings, along with the addition of a demonstration of satellite downlinks of digital imagery to the U.S. Air Force and transport flight of a U.S. Coast Guard officer assigned to do an aerial assessment associated with Coast Guard's roll in dealing with hazardous wastes



Lt. Col. Charles King of the Nevada Wing, left, and Air Force Maj. Tim McCourt of the CAP-U.S. Air Force Pacific Liaison Region discuss the estimated time of return of an Arkansas Wing aircraft after a photo-reconnaissance sortie Aug. 27.

during such a disaster. An actual flash-flood warning cancelled all the wing's afternoon flights.

On Aug. 27, the final day of the exercise, the Nevada Wing continued its previous taskings and was joined by an Arkansas Wing aircraft and aircrew attending CAP's 2003 National Board and Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The Arkansas Wing aircraft was equipped with a satellite telephone, which allowed real-time digital imagery downlinks via telephone and e-mail connections.

A joint Nevada/Arkansas aircrew took imagery of a high school to demonstrate CAP's satellite telephone capability. The Nevada Wing was also tasked on paper to transport FEMA photojournalists and videographers to take imagery of the estimated two-day-long traffic jams leaving Clark County.

Determined Promise ended new taskings by the late morning of Aug.

27 once the exercise began the transition from a response to recovery mode and in order to have extra time for debriefings with the participants for lessons learned. CAP and CAP-U.S. Air Force officers participated in debriefings at the Nevada National Guard Armory for those involved in field operations and a California Wing officer participated in the debriefing at the Clark County Government Center for those working in the Joint Information Center at the headquarters for the exercise.

Members of the Pacific Region, and the Nevada, Arkansas and California wings contributed about 100 personnel. Nevada and Arkansas flew about 30 hours in the exercise. CAP volunteers were supported by several CAP-U.S. Air Force Pacific Liaison Region officers, Nevada Wing's State Director's office personnel, and staff from the CAP's National Operations Center.

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On the local storm front, CAP placed its aircraft and volunteers in several Eastern states on alert for aerial and ground search and rescue, damage assessment and disaster relief. States affected included Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

At CAP's National Capital Wing in Washington, D.C., CAP aircraft normally kept in hangars were moved to safety. Col. Frank McConnell, wing commander, said members would likely be tasked to do aerial photography for damage assessment as early as the morning of Sept. 18.

"Our region has just installed new digital satellite imaging equipment," McConnell said. "It allows us to take high-resolution photos from the air and immediately transmit them by e-mail using a digital satellite Internet connection. This technology will help officials determine more clearly exactly what damage has occurred."

In North Carolina, CAP took aerial photographs on Sept. 17 that will be used after the storm for damage comparison. Col. Harold Schaffer, wing commander, said the wing's aircraft had been moved inland to Burlington, N.C., where an incident command system is set up. CAP members are gathering in Burlington and plan to spend the Sept. 17-18 on standby for mission assignments.

CAP's Pennsylvania Wing officially activated its

emergency operations center at Fort Indiantown Gap in Annville, Pa. The wing was prepared to move its aircraft and personnel to key locations throughout the state in the event Isabel hit the state Sept. 18, as predicted.

CAP chaplains in Virginia and the Carolinas were on standby to provide support for responders and victims of the anticipated storm.

"The most gratifying part of our preparation has been the outpouring of support from CAP volunteers from other areas of the country," McConnell said. "I've been contacted by many of our region and wing commanders with offers of additional personnel and equipment to meet this crisis. This is where you really see the advantage of CAP's large network of members and resources."



## CA Wing members locate downed aircraft

**2nd Lt. Robert L. Paul**  
Reeves Field Skyhawks Squadron  
California Wing

CALIFORNIA — Five California Wing members from Bakersfield and Reeves Field Skyhawk Composite squadrons located a downed aircraft Aug. 25 during a routine emergency locator transmitter search in the area of Kettleman City, Calif.

At 3:30 p.m., Bakersfield Composite Squadron's Lt. Col. David Mish, mission coordinator, received a call from officials with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., concerning the ELT signal.

Mish immediately notified Capt. Ronnie Overacker, commander of the Reeves Field Skyhawk Composite Squadron, and asked for assistance with the mission. Overacker in turn contacted squadron members 2nd Lts. Robert L. Paul and Ed Vonderbeck to operate as the ground team and Sr. Mbr. Dwayne Gabriel to ride along as Overacker's copilot and scanner.

Paul contacted Mish for additional information, including any transmission coordinates. With two sets of latitude and longitude, Paul was able to plot

the coordinates on the search map and the ground team set out for the area.

While en route, the team monitored the radio for any further directions.

At 4:15 p.m., Overacker launched from Mefford Field Airport in Tulare, Calif., and flew to Harris Ranch Airport in Coalinga, Calif., to pick up Gabriel. While airborne, they were able to detect the ELT signal and began the search. In conjunction with Mish — via radio communications — they directed ground team members Paul and Vonderbeck from overhead.

At about 5:15 p.m., the downed aircraft was spotted five miles from Kettleman city. It was upside down and just off a private airstrip.

Overacker flew above the downed aircraft while Gabriel plotted a course for the ground team. After that, he contacted the Kings County fire and sheriff's departments and requested they meet the ground team members at the site.

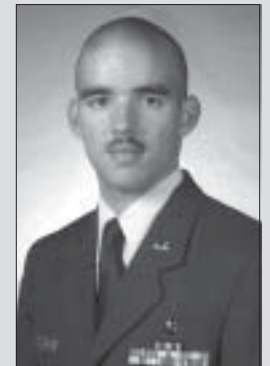
Paul and Vonderbeck arrived at the overturned single-seat aircraft, but found neither the pilot or any evidence of serious injury. The ground team safely checked the area and located the ELT, which was found and secured by Vonderbeck at 6:08 p.m.



## AF names former FL cadet one of 12 outstanding airmen

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — A former Florida Wing cadet was named by the Air Force July 10 as one of its 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2003.

Air Force Senior Airman Hector G. Bauza — assigned to the 18th Medical Group at Kadena Air Base, Japan — was formerly a member of Florida Wing's Eglin Composite Squadron (Group 1) and a Gen. Carl A. Spaatz awardee in 2000 (#1,421).



Air Force  
Senior Airman  
Hector G. Bauza

The top airmen were chosen from a field of 46 members representing organizations at all levels of command throughout the Air Force.

The winners were formally recognized Sept. 15 during the Air Force Association National Convention in Washington, D.C., and will serve as members of the AFA's Enlisted Advisory Council for the next year.

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## Palmer assumes command of CT Wing

**Lt. Col. Constance M. O'Grady**  
Public Affairs Officer  
Northeast Region

CONNECTICUT — The Connecticut Wing held a change-of-command ceremony after the 2003 Civil Air Patrol National Board and Annual Conference Banquet in Las Vegas Aug. 27.

History was made when Col. James Palmer, son of the late Col. Howard E. Palmer, Connecticut Wing commander from 1982 to 1993, took command of the wing when he received the wing flag from Northeast Region Commander Col. Rick Greenhut. Palmer replaced Col. Karen Payne, who retired from CAP.

Palmer entered CAP as a cadet in December 1972. He attained the rank of cadet lieutenant colonel after holding all cadet staff positions. In addition, he held the position of cadet commander at two Class B encampments and participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange.

As a senior member, Palmer transferred to the Connecticut Wing in 1982 to fill the position of internal aerospace officer and aide to his father, who was the

wing commander at that time. He served as an instructor for both Squadron Leadership School and Corporate Learning Course. He also served as wing vice commander and chief of staff under Payne.



Photo by Lt. Col. Connie O'Grady

Northeast Region Commander Col. Rick Greenhut passes the Connecticut Wing flag to Col. James Palmer during a wing change-of-command ceremony Aug. 27 in Las Vegas. Palmer replaced Col. Karen Payne as wing commander.

Palmer is a graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, Conn., and Briarwood College with an associate of applied science degree in business management. He holds a certificate from the University of Connecticut School of Business Management. He is a graduate of Cadet Officers School, SLS, CLC and

Northeast Region Staff College, where he received the 2001 Lamplighter Award.

His ribbons and commendations include: Red Service Ribbon with 30-year clasp; Air Search & Rescue, IACE Ribbon, Civil Defense Ribbon, Membership Ribbon, Commanders Commendation, Encampment Ribbon, Certificate of Proficiency, Grover Loening Award, Find Ribbon, Paul Garber Award and Meritorious Service Award.

Connecticut Wing awards include the Commander's Trophy, Lt. Col. Karol Hervey Award and Wing Staff Officer Award. His emergency services qualifications are radio operator, ground team leader, ground team member, mission radio operator and communications unit leader.

As commander, Palmer intends to focus on the continual training of wing members.

"I also intend to incorporate the new missions of homeland security into the missions we already have, increase the number of qualified incident commanders in the wing, and maintain and increase relations with outside agencies," stated Palmer.

## FL cadet wins national essay contest

FLORIDA — Cadet Staff Sgt. Christina A. Zarrilli of Florida Wing's Boca Raton Composite Squadron wrote the national award-winning essay for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agri-Science Essay Contest.

The 12-year-old homeschooled student rocket-launched this year's theme, "Boundless Science for Bountiful Agriculture," by discussing the cultivation of food in space in her essay, "Space Mash Potatoes, Anyone?" — which was published by the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology.

The winner out of 804 contestants, Zarrilli traveled to Washington, D.C., in her CAP service dress uniform to receive the award from Agriculture Secretary Ann

M. Veneman and NASA astronaut Commander Stephen N. Frick.

While there, Florida Congressman Robert Wexler also presented her with an American flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol.

A recent recipient of the Wright Brother's Award, Zarrilli also attended this summer's National Honor Guard Academy at Camp Pendleton in Virginia Beach, Va. She hopes to one day attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"Civil Air Patrol is launching me toward my goals of becoming a pilot and an astronaut," Zarrilli tells audiences at speaking engagements. "Their cadet aerospace education program is incredible."



Cadet Staff Sgt. Christina A. Zarrilli of Florida Wing's Boca Raton Composite Squadron poses for a photo with NASA astronaut Stephen N. Frick after receiving the first-place award in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agri-Science Essay Contest.

## Cadet Programs

### Spaatz exam now online

Civil Air Patrol's most challenging test battery — the 39-year-old Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award exam — is now online.

Fundamentally, the exam remains unchanged, but effective Aug. 1, cadets will complete the leadership, aerospace and moral leadership essay portions using a computer, versus paper and pencil.

CAP-U.S. Air Force personnel will continue to proctor the exam and monitor cadets throughout the process, protecting the exam's integrity.

The fourth test in the battery — the physical fitness test — will still be administered the "old-fashioned" way, via a sweat-drenched session of physical training.

The online exam may be proctored at any location with an Internet connection — state director's office, public library, school, etc.

When the exam was moved to the online format, all test questions were carefully reviewed and edited, as necessary. The multiple-choice aerospace exam is completely new and based on the *Aerospace: The Journey of Flight* text. Cadets also have new choices for essay topics to test their written communication skills in a moral leadership context.

To help proctors through the new online testing procedures is CAP Pamphlet 52-13, Spaatz Award Test Administrator's Guide. To download the pamphlet, visit [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov), click "Cadet Programs" and "Updates."

#### Online Benefits

- + Cadets receive leadership and aerospace test scores instantly
- + Multiple-choice and essay questions randomized, making every test equally fair, but unique
- + NHQ can quality-check test better, ensure it meets test construction standards

### MI unit wins fitness award

The honor of earning CAP's first Squadron Physical Fitness Award belongs to Michigan Wing's Van Dyke Cadet Squadron.

Seventy percent of their cadets reached the 60th percentile for their age and gender on the Cadet Physical Fitness Test, which equates to 70 percent of their cadets meeting the CPFT standards for the Amelia Earhart Award.

In April, the CPFT was aligned with the President's Challenge, the most widely used youth fitness test in America. In reaching the 60th percentile, the Van Dyke cadets outperformed six of 10 youth in America in curl-ups, push-ups, a sit-and-reach and one-mile run.

Every cadet unit is eligible to enter the SPFA program. The next opportunity to qualify for an award will be in November.

For more information, see CAP Pamphlet 52-18 or visit [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) and click "Cadet Programs."



## SENIOR PROGRAM



### GILL ROBB WILSON AWARD

LT COL ELIZABETH J BLACKKEY	CA
LT COL CHARLES A PROCTOR	MD
CAPT BONNIE R CASLER	MO
LT COL DONALD R LONG	WA



### PAUL E. GARBER AWARD

MAJ BRUCE E GEARHART	AL
MAJ GUINA F WILLIAMS	AR
MAJ JAMES C STEVENS	AR
MAJ SHARON E STEVENS	AR
LT COL MARGO L SOTHARD	AZ
MAJ DONLEY R POCHOP	AZ
MAJ JAMES C PORTER	CA
MAJ PAUL A BLYSTONE	FL
MAJ ROBERT W ATCHLEY	FL
LT COL JON K ROYER	MD
CAPT TIMOTHY F HAHN	MD
CAPT MICHAEL A PROVENCHER	MS
MAJ H MEAD HERRICK	NH
MAJ DARIN L NINNESS	NH
MAJ HENRY A MEINERS	OH
MAJ ISRAEL D POU	PR
CAPT ROBERT C EDWARDS	VA
LT COL EARL R LOEW	WV



### GROVER LOENING AWARD

MAJ BRUCE E GEARHART	AL
LT COL ALFRED MAX GORE	AR
CAPT MICHAEL J WATKINS	CA
CAPT JAMES R REDMON	CA
CAPT C COURTNEY WALSH	CO
CAPT WAYNE R LORGUS	DE
CAPT TOMMY R NICHOLS	LA
MAJ CHERYL V LISS	MA
LT COL HARRY E MOTTLEY	MA
CAPT RALPH E GAMACHE	ME
CAPT TERRY L DAUPHINEE	ME
1LT ANITA M CHENEY	ME
LT COL ANTHONY D WILLIAMS	MS
CAPT RODNEY W MOON	MS
CAPT GEORGE A ZAPPAS	NJ
CAPT JACK P SOLDANO	NJ
CAPT BRIAN W BENEDICT	NY
CAPT NANCY E BRIDGES	NY
CAPT HOWARD L CRARY	NY
MAJ JAMES A JONES	OH

CAPT KATHRYN A CURTIN	OK
MAJ NICHOLAS O AKINKUOYE	PA
1LT DONALD J INSCHO	PA
CAPT JILL A DOWDRICK	PA
CAPT SONIA E SOTO	PR
CAPT LUIS A IRIZARRY	PR
CAPT MADELINE DELGADO	PR
CAPT ROBERT J EVANS	TN
MAJ GEORGE V OTTO	TX
MAJ JOSEPH C BATEMAN	VA
CAPT WILLIAM E BRURING	WI



### BRIG. GEN. CHARLES E. "CHUCK" YEAGER AEROSPACE EDUCATION AWARD

SM MELVIN C. BAKER	AL
LTCOL DONALD B. CANABAY	AL
LTCOL D. MIKOS	AL
SM KM TROWBRIDGE	AL
2LT GARRY E. BEAUDOIN	CO
2LT KIM M. BEAUDOIN	CO
2LT RHONDA GLOVER	CO
2LT JENNIFER KUBICEK	CO
1LT RITA MARTIN	CO
2LT NINA J. MCDONALD	CO
LTCOL DAVID C. PIERCE	CO
LTCOL GARY H. SCHULZ	CO
CAPT PETER J. BEATY	DE
CAPT R. LARRY ALFREE	DE
2LT ALINA GARCIA-BARBON	FL
1LT RAMON L. NUNEZ	FL
CAPT JAIME ROJAS	FL
CAPT CHARLES D. YOUNG	FL
CAPT DELOROS DOZIER	GA
2LT HENRY DOZIER	GA
2LT FRANK KEYS	GA
SM JONATHAN LAWSON	GA
MAJ THOMAS WALKER	GA
SM CHRISTOPHER AMBROSON	IA
2LT DIANA ANDREWS	IA
MAJ JACK BARBER	IA
SM JOSEPH L. BRIGHT	IA
1LT JOHN BRUEGGER	IA
1LT ANN COLVIN	IA
1LT DENNIS DAHL	IA
2LT WILLIAM LONG	IA
2LT JUSTIN PEDERSEN	IA
SM HARLEY WALDO	IA
1LT DOUG POTTER	ID
CAPT JOHN R. ALLEN	IL
MAJ JOHN J. BERNARD JR.	IL
CAPT ALBERT J. BUTLER JR.	IL
SM SUZETTE BLANKENSTEIN	IL
2LT GEORGE L. DUNIGAN	IL
MAJ LOUIS H. EASON III	IL
2LT JERRY ERVIN II	IL
MAJ JOSEPH L. KOUBA	IL
1LT THOMAS M. MINNICH	IL
1LT JOHN M. PATRIZI	IL
1LT JAMES REEVES	IL
CAPT LARRY TEMPLETON	IL
CAPT KIMBERLY S. GRISSOM	KS
1LT WILLIAM M. HUNTON	LA
1LT LISA S. KULICK	LA
1LT JOYCE T. MEYERS	LA
2LT LANCE O'CONNOR	LA
2LT MATTHEW AVERSA	NH
2LT MICHAEL HANES	NH
MAJOR ALBERT L. JONES	VA

## CADET PROGRAM



### GEN. CARL A. SPAATZ

TARA L. GUTHRIE	FL
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### GEN. IRA C. EAKER AWARD

KEITH O. CONWAY	AL
GAVIN H. WOODMAN	CA
MATTHEW L. TAVERNER	CA
NICHELLE R. MYERS	MO
PATRICK K. UNREIN	NC
ALEXANDER A. KASZYNSKI	NH
TIMOTHY R. WHITE	NH



### AMELIA EARHART AWARD

RANDAL W. STIESELMAYER	CO
ANDREW L. HAMM	IL
MICHAEL W. MARZANO	IL
DANIEL A. WAINLAND	MD
EMILY K. HUDSON	MD
NELLY A. HOPPE	MD
LOUIS C. LAPEYRE	MI
BENJAMIN S. JEREMY	MO
NICHOLAS C. ENZOR	NC
DONALD P. DEGARMO	NJ
BRADLEY P. MCGINNIS	NY
RACHEL E. LEARY	OK
MELISSA A. CROY	OR
MATTHEW J. POSTUPACK	PA
EVAN J. CONLEY	PA
JONATHAN D. CHISOLM	PA
SEAN C. NOEL	TX
ROBERT J. BASALDU	TX
MAX J. FRUCHTNICHT	TX
HANS C. RUNK	TX
BURTON C. GINGERICH	UT
BENJAMIN L. ROTHENBURG	VT
BENJAMIN A. CHASE	VT
LACEY M. FOWLER	WA
TIN NGUYEN	WA
CHRISTIN M. JACOBSON	WI
TERESA A. EGAN	WI
CODY R. PUGH	WV



### GEN. BILLY MITCHELL AWARD

NICOLE L. PAGET	AZ
SARAH B. CONTRERAS	CA
JOSHUA B. HANSON	CA
DAVID T. SIDLE	CA
MATTHEW W. CUMMINS	CA
ALLISON A. BARTON	CO
JORDAN W. WEBBER	CT
STEPHANIE K. PIERCE	FL
AMANDA K. BJORKLAND	FL
KENNETH A. HEDEEN	FL
JOEL B. LAWTON	GA
MICHAEL S. DIXON	GA
JASON K. MAHUNA	HI
TRINA C. HANCOCK	ID
DANIEL P. ROMAN	IL
KEVIN D. SHERMAN	IL
KEVIN P. MARTIN	IL

CHAD G. NUSH	IL
BLAKE WAYCASTER	KY
JONATHAN B. SMYTHE	MD
KEVIN M. TALLMAN	MD
ANDREA R. COOK	MI
NICKOLAS M. KOVER	MI
GREGORY J. EHLERT	MI
DUSTIN J. BRECK	MN
MARK J. WALSH	MO
ELIJAH E. HILBURN	MO
MATTHEW C. WALKER	MS
RUSSELL S. CREECH	NC
KATHRYN A. CHALMERS	NC
CORY J. THORNTON	NC
MICHAEL R. BARICH	NC
EMMETT M. TISHMAK	ND
NICK C. ZACHOS	NH
RYAN F. CHAMBERLIN	NH
MATTHEW W. CAREY	NH
ANTHONY J. SCHOEPP	NJ
RYAN M. MEETER	NJ
RICHARD D. GREGOR	NJ
WILLIAM Y. WALLER	NM
CODY L. BLEVIN	NM
LORENZ MADARANG	NV
MICHAEL P. MEEKER	NY
TRACY L. MCCLURE	NY
ADAM J. NEBZYDOSKI	NY
CJ L. PAULIN	OH

JOSHUA J. DESAULNIERS	OH
GENEVIEVE M. HARRIS	OH
MICHAEL A. PURVIS	OH
PETER J. ZAPLETAL	OK
JOHN T. EDMUNDS	OR
CHRISTOPHER SOKOLOVE	PA
ALBERT S. BABARSKY	PA
THOMAS P. CARR	PA
THOMAS J. PEPKA	PA
NICHOLAS K. ARMSTRONG	SD
CHRISTOPHER J. KIRKSEY	TN
STEPHEN L. MCDANIEL	TX
ERIN A. MICHAUD	TX
PATRICK H. CHANDLER	TX
JONATHAN WADE SCHLATTNER	TX
PAUL M. HOSINGTON	TX
NICHOLAS E. HEAD	TX
KYLE L. VIGIL	TX
JOHN B. TATUM	TX
MARY D. BETTS	TX
ROBERT C. WOODS	UT
LYDIA G. DOWNEY	VA
DEVEN J. BENKOWITZ	VA
CHRISTOPHER J. GATES	VA
STEVEN T. KOHL	VA
STEPHEN W. HUDSON	VT
RYAN M. BARNES	WA
KERRY K. BRADY	WI
WADE T. PHILPOTTS	WY

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COL JAMES H. ERICKSON	NHQ	19 AUG 01 - 31 DEC 02	(1ST BR CLASP)
COL MICHAEL J. MURRELL	OH	4 AUG 99 - 14 SEP 03	
COL JAMES P. NORVELL	NM	14 AUG 99 - 14 AUG 03	
COL GEORGE H. PARKER	TX	1 NOV 02 - 13 SEP 03	
COL ROBERT T. TOWNSEND	MER	11 NOV 01 - 1 JAN 03	(1ST BR CLASP)
COL JOSEPH R. VAZQUEZ	VA	10 NOV 02 - 5 MAR 03	

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

COL RICHARD A. GREENHUT	NER	21 MAR 02 - 27 AUG 03
LT COL JOHN O. POSTL	MA	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
LT COL DOUGLAS M. RUTHERFORD	MN	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03

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COL MAURICE E. COOK	NHQ	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
COL ROBERT M. KARTON	GLR	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
COL DAVID N. SIMMONS	CO	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
LT COL WESLEY F BORNER	FL	21 APR 03 - 25 APR 03
LT COL STEPHEN T. CARMICK	WA	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
LT COL BETTY J. ECKHOFF	MN	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
LT COL LUIS A. GARCIA	FL	21 APR 03 - 25 APR 03
LT COL JOSEPH J. GIANQUINTO	CA	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
LT COL RUSSELL R. REICHMANN	FL	21 APR 03 - 25 APR 03
LT COL SYLVIA L. PAOLI	PCR	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
LT COL GARY S. RENICK	MN	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
MAJ ALICE J. MANSELL	CA	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
MAJ ROBERT J. SHARKEY	MI	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03
1ST LT ANIBAL PABON II	MN	6 NOV 02 - 20 SEP 03

### EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

LT COL ROBERTA F. DANIELS	SWR	1 FEB 03 - 4 MAR 03
LT COL KARL H. GENG	NHQ	1 MAR 03 - 30 MAY 03
CH (LT) COL JAMES W. HUGHES	NHQ	1 SEP 02 - 27 AUG 03
LT COL JOHN C. KERSHENSTEIN	NHQ	1 SEP 02 - 27 AUG 03
CH (COL) JAMES E. MOORE	NHQ	1 SEP 02 - 27 AUG 03
CH (COL) JOHN MURDOCH	NHQ	1 SEP 02 - 27 AUG 03 (2ND BR CLASP)
LT COL DORIS L. NORTH	NV	1 FEB 03 - 4 MAR 03 (2ND BR CLASP)
CH (LT COL) K.N. VAN LOON	NHQ	1 SEP 02 - 27 AUG 03 (2ND BR CLASP)

### RETIREMENTS

1ST LT FREDERICK B. STEWART	CA	28 MAY 1983 - 30 APRIL 2003	20 <sup>YRS</sup>
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### UNIT CITATION AWARD

CALIFORNIA WING HQ	1 OCT 02 - 31 JUL 03
ARIZONA WING	1 FEB 03 - 4 MAR 03 (THIRD AWARD)
CALIFORNIA WING	1 FEB 03 - 4 MAR 03 (SECOND AWARD)
NEVADA WING	1 FEB 03 - 4 MAR 03
TEXAS WING	1 FEB 03 - 4 MAR 03 (FOURTH AWARD)
UTAH WING	1 FEB 03 - 4 MAR 03 (FOURTH AWARD)

*Congratulations  
to all awardees & retirees*



## 100 YEARS Celebration of powered flight

**T**he year 2003 has been a yearlong celebration of flight. Our government established the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission to organize and coordinate many public activities commemorating a century of powered flight.

The U.S. Air Force also established a Centennial of Flight Office, which is conducting and participating in many celebrations to increase the public's awareness of Air Force missions, to enhance recruitment and retention, and to strengthen relationships in the worldwide aviation community.

Many of our Civil Air Patrol members have also volunteered and participated in some of these events. I'm pleased our organization is actively supporting this yearlong celebration. It is proper and the right thing to do, because CAP owes its organizational existence to these pioneers of flight.

As we all know, the Wright brothers made aviation history on Dec. 17, 1903. On a windswept beach known as Kill Devil Hill, near the town of Kitty Hawk, N.C., the two brothers flew the first controlled, sustained and powered flight. Though the flight lasted only 12 seconds and covered only 120 feet, it was an event that was broadcast around the world. It demonstrated to the world that powered flight was possible. The dreams of many scientists and aviation pioneers were manifested that day in those 12 beautiful seconds, and the world was alerted to the promise of a bright new future — a future that included flight.

Of course the events on that December day, 100 years ago, did not occur just by happenstance. The Wright brothers were well known for their diligence and perseverance. Starting with their early days in their bicycle shop they were dedicated, thoughtful individuals. The brothers were patient and systematic in their approach. First, they discussed their problems and then experimented with various solutions. Data was collected and conclusions were developed about the actual process of flying.

It was during those experiments the Wright brothers theorized the best way to maintain equilibrium in flight was with moveable control surfaces. They reached this conclusion by observing birds twisting or warping their wings. This led to the development of wing-warping cables, which contributed greatly to controlled flight. These cables played a major role in the Wright brothers' success.

That first 12-second flight of the *Wright Flyer* on Dec. 17 is well-documented and remembered by all of us. What is not as well known is that, before the end of that day, the plane soared for 59 seconds in the air and traveled 852 feet.

Quite an improvement in one day, wouldn't you say? And improvement is the key word. Think about what we have accomplished since then. Look



### NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling  
CAP National Commander  
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at how quickly we have gone from the *Wright Flyer* to the space shuttle and beyond.

Where would we be today without the Wright brothers and many other early aviation pioneers? It's hard to imagine a CAP without airplanes. Because of your dedication and your desire to volunteer and serve your country, most of you would probably be involved in some sort of humanitarian work anyway, but what about our beloved organization?

Imagine CAP without our heroic submarine chasers — those founding fathers who accomplished so much for our country and did so much to establish CAP. Or how about the CAP of today, with its emergency services, drug-demand reduction and new homeland security missions?

The CAP of today would be tremendously different without a flying mission. Our country and the world are indebted to what the Wright brothers accomplished. Look at the industry, technology and careers that have been created due to these magnificent, hard-working inventors. Literally thou-

sands of jobs have been created producing millions of dollars that are all tied to aerospace and flying.

As we hurry around in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it is easy to forget some of the great events in history. Some days, it is hard enough making it through the day, yet so many of you volunteer unselfishly and give so much to make life better for so many.

Who has time to think about the great events of the past? Well, I submit that no matter how busy we are or how much we are accomplishing, we must make time to stop and reflect on great achievements that have occurred in history. Certainly, the Wright brothers' achievement qualifies and merits our time.

This reflection is more than just a pleasant nostalgic trip back in time. The challenges the Wright brothers faced and ways they handled those challenges contain important lessons for us all of us. How many times have you heard the words "never give up"? The Wright brothers had many opportunities to just quit. There was so much trial and error involved in their experiments. Despite all the crashes of their glider, and the time required to rebuild it they never gave up on their dream of flying.

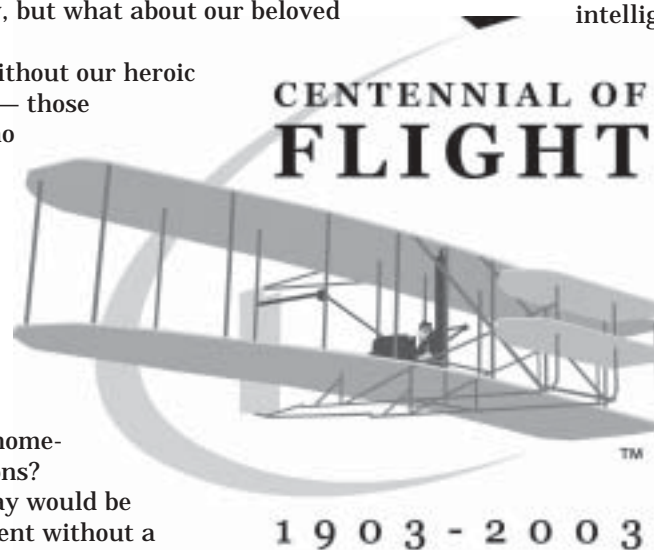
We all face frustrations and challenges in our lives, yet we must not give up. I don't know what specific challenges you are facing, but I do know that persistence pays off.

As I have mentioned before, the aerospace industry is facing some tough challenges. The aerospace industry worker averages 50 years of age, and the American school system is not replacing these workers fast enough. There simply are not enough students interested in science and engineering careers. So CAP faces some challenges too. With our congressionally mandated mission to promote aerospace education, we need to help solve this problem. Opportunities are abound for intelligent and motivated young adults in the aerospace industries of our country.

When I think about the Wright brothers and their wonderful accomplishments, I also focus on how they were successful. It was with dedication, determination, passion and, of course, perseverance they succeeded where others had failed. I hope you will think of the Wright brothers and continue to apply that same dedication and passion to CAP that makes our organization so great. I am proud to be the national

commander of the finest people in the world — people who have the "Wright stuff" to meet the challenges of the future.

Semper vigilans!





# In our homeland, for the world beyond ...

**W**e recently concluded the 2003 Civil Air Patrol National Board and Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Our leaders there gratefully and proudly heralded our accomplishments in the performance of our Air Force-assigned missions for America — our 65,000-strong struggle against evil.

The support we lent to our military — as we carried out myriad duties that freed up our war fighters abroad and the defenders of our American shores, cities and skies — brought to us garlands of praise and thanks, and accolades of “Well done, good and faithful auxiliary.”

We are the CAP. We are the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. We are a cadre of American volunteers — “the best of the best” — in the whole world. We love our country as much as life itself. We share a responsibility with our armed forces and civilian enforcement agencies to fend off the evil that would pollute and decimate our institutions and our way of life and that of democratic peoples across the face of the earth. We are “semper vigilans.”

Our struggle is both akin to and of similar magnitude as the struggle the Christian writer Paul spoke of in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus. He warned, “In the struggle in which we are engaged, we are not contending with ordinary human beings; our struggle is against evil ...” So with us, as we help defend and secure our homeland, our struggle is a contest between us and evil people who are without morals.

President George W. Bush repeatedly invokes concepts that are as ancient and as contemporary as time itself. Namely, the concepts of **good** and **evil**. In the analogies he offers, the perpetrators of cowardly attacks against us and peace-loving peoples around the world are personifications of evil. Our will to resist them and to punish their cowardly deeds is a personification of good. Good, because what we are doing in defense of our homeland is, at the same time, actions that defend the

cities and peoples of the whole world.

Without really knowing what evil is, we nonetheless recognize it by specific outcomes. Whatever is cold, harsh and inveterate in its posture against humankind is evil. All such action is an orientation against the fathers and the mothers of the world.



## FOCUS ON SERVICE

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They inhere our concept of God as creator of human kind in his own image. On this ground, evil is a conspiracy against both God and man and, hence, against life itself. It is pointedly against the very nature of being and peaceful existence of human kind. It is against love. It is against the process and purpose of God's act in creating human kind.

God crafts every human with care — special care. I don't know how He does it, but He manages to inspire some of us with an ultimate sense of the reality of life. I suppose those who have cultivated an awareness of the processes of life (I mean by that a consciousness of both living and the life process) are better equipped to relate to the reality of life. Such awareness is outside the ken of perpetrators of heinous acts of evil.

It is a fact that “man born of a woman is of few days” and all too often, those days are filled with evil intent. But not so in the case of men and women whose lives are both in touch with and in tune with the lives of other men and women. For them, the reality of life is that life is an amicable adventure with other people and with the God, in whose image they are created. No amount of caring is wasted on how long life will last. Rather, all of their powers of intellect are focused on where life will lead — where their life will be led.

In the midst of their wondering and wanderings, the journey of life

leads through wind, fire and water, through challenge, struggle and healing, into the very presence of God. In the relationship that ensues, nothing else matters. There, human individuals find themselves in the presence of pure life — in the presence of a divine and personal principle of life who continually says, “I have come that you may have life and that you may have it in surpassing abundance. I live, and because I live, you live. It's as simple as that.”

In the presence of this divine and personal principle of life, we discover the good. We discover the ultimate good. We discover the God principle. There we fear no evil because there is no evil there. Neither, while there, is there any evil in our heart. But we must hearken to a warning of the possibility of the presence of evil in our heart.

Above we invoked the notion of good and evil. We have an idea of what spawns evil. On one ground, it is the result of mindless adventurism



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fueled by selfishness that leads a person or group to dehumanize another or others by the processes of hatred, greed, covetousness and envy — each of which breeds its own kind within the space of human willingness. Like a giant constrictor, evil would overcome its victim by suffocation. Overcome ...

Here is an imagination-defying challenge: The Christian writer, Paul, challenges us, when face-to-face with evil, as he writes, “When evil rushes in on you, don't let it overcome you and get the best of you. Seize the

initiative and conquer evil. Overcome it! And here is how you can do it: Overcome evil with good.”

In our struggle against evil, in our fight against evil men of the sort our president laments, we must not succumb to evil; we must not succumb to becoming evil men. We must harness the good that resides within each of us as a divine deposit; we must take it in hand and use it to overcome the evil inclination that beats near relentlessly against the door of our hearts.

Then, as the ancient Hebrew prophets relate to us that, while God hates sin, He does not hate the one who sins, we must hate and destroy the evil leveled against us and the world without hating the perpetrators of the evil though they die as a consequence of our armed might. If not, we become no less evil than they.

Someone shared with me a story about an elderly Cherokee American Indian who was teaching his grandchildren about life. He said to them, “A fight is going on inside me. It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One wolf is evil: He is fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, [unacceptable and uncalled for] competition, superiority and ego. The other [wolf] is good: He is joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence,

friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith. This same fight is going on inside you and inside every other person, too.” [His grandchildren] thought about it for a minute and then one child asked his grandfather, “Which wolf will win?” The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

In our homeland and for the world beyond, we struggle against evil. Our weapon, as we engage the struggle, is good. Two wolves fight: Good and evil. Are we brave enough to ask ourselves, “Which wolf will win?”

## Part 1: Understanding dehydration, hyponatremia

*Editor's note: The following is the first installment of two-part article on the dangers of dehydration and hyponatremia, and how to prevent them.*

**I**n the past, it was thought dehydration led to increased risk of heat stroke. There was a great push to encourage those exercising to "drink as much as possible." We now know this philosophy can lead to over-hydration and fatal hyponatremia (or dilution of the body's blood sodium concentration).

The risk of heat stroke is not related to the level of dehydration, but the rate at which heat is produced and the capacity of the environment to absorb heat. Fluid is lost during exercise by sweating, which cools the body. Increased sweating is seen with increased activity, hot/humid weather, increased fitness and in larger individuals. Those who sweat more will need to replenish more fluids. Dehydration can mean a less efficient sweating and cooling mechanism in the body.

Dehydration can occur more easily in those who are not well-hydrated before the activity. Consider drinking one half of a canteen of fluid two to three hours before exercise. Regular meals with adequate time to eat are important, as a lot of the daily fluid intake and salt replenishment

occurs at meals. Fluids must be readily available through the day and all encouraged to drink. Fluids to consume include water or sports drinks. Sports drinks contain 4-8 percent carbohydrates and sodium and are better absorbed. Soft drinks have about 14 percent carbohydrates and are not as easily absorbed by the body.



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Weight loss can be a sign of needing more fluid. Drink about 8 ounces (one cup) for every pound lost. Darker color and less urine volume may indicate inadequate fluids. Lighter colored urine indicates better hydration. If you don't urinate very much, you may not be drinking enough.

Hyponatremia, or low sodium, is associated with drinking more fluids than are lost by sweat and by drinking low sodium fluids. It is more likely to occur when engaging in lower intensity activities lasting longer than 4 hours. Prevention of hyponatremia includes replacing fluid losses in appropriate amounts, and consideration of the use of sports drinks containing sodium.

Unfortunately the initial symptoms of hyponatremia are very similar to those of dehydration, including headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, weakness and muscle cramps. Both heat illness and hyponatremia can cause confusion and disorientation, but hyponatremia patients may also have swelling of feet and hands and not as high of a temperature (under 104 °F). Severe hyponatremia can cause seizures, fluid in the lungs, confusion, respiratory arrest and death. Hyponatremia patients need prompt professional medical care for IV therapy.

Signs of dehydration include

increased heart rate, decreased sweating, headache, weakness, dizziness, cramps, chills, vomiting, nausea, and a sensation of pulsating in the brain. Confusion and disorientation can occur when dehydration is more severe. If a dehydrated person can take oral fluids and keep them down, than treat with oral fluids. If the person is unable to drink fluids

without vomiting or is confused, has decreased level of consciousness or high temperature, they need emergency medical treatment with intravenous therapy.

The Wet Bulb Globe Temperature index is used by the military to look at heat factors. It is a combination of air temperature, humidity (impacts ability of sweat to evaporate and

cool), and sun intensity. The WBGT can then be used to guide activity levels and fluid intake and should be checked hourly whenever the temperature is over 75 F.

The recommended amount of fluid to drink depends on the temperature (WBGT) and the intensity level of activity. A canteen contains 1 quart= 4 cups = 946 ml.

The recommended hourly fluid intakes vary from one half of a canteen per hour in easy work (drill) conditions up to 84 WBGT, to three quarters of a canteen in hotter temperatures with easy work or any moderate work (calisthenics) except when WBGT is over 90.

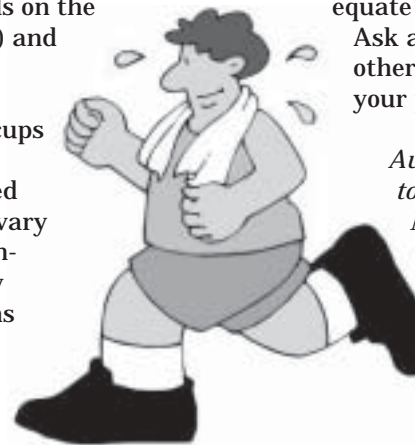
In most conditions of hard work (carrying heavy loads) or in WBGT over 90 at any level of activity, one canteen per hour is recommended; however, it is recommended that fluid intake never exceed 1.5 canteens per hour or 12 canteens in a day due to the risk of hyponatremia. These conditions are for those in good military level conditioning who have acclimatized to the heat for at least 2

weeks. Decrease the water consumption slightly for those in less optimal physical condition or who have not been out in the heat for two weeks. Fluid needs can vary between individuals by ¼ canteen hourly. Exposure to full sun or full shade may increase or decrease fluid needs by ¼ canteen per hour.

Water consumption can be tracked by tying a length of parachute cord to the uniform, canteen or web gear. Tie a knot in the cord each time a canteen is emptied to keep track of the water consumed that day. Use a buddy system to help each other keep track of eating, drinking and frequency of urination. Eat regular meals and salt food to taste to replenish salts lost in sweating. Salt tablets are not recommended. Some do better at sipping over time, rather than drinking large amounts at any one time.

It is important for command personnel to continually evaluate their personnel for signs and symptoms of hydration problems. They should ensure their personnel are eating properly and have adequate time to eat and drink.

Ask about urine color and other symptoms to help keep your people safe.



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*Author's note: My thanks to Lt. Col. Richard McLaughlin for his hours of research contributions to this article. Part 2 of this article will appear in the next "Fit To Serve" column and deal with how to construct a WBGT device and measure and calculate the actual WBGT, as well as the*

*effects of heat and cold.*

Currently, no occupational information is available for our commanders to know what personnel talent and resources they have available. This data can be extracted from the CAP Harris Yearbook being prepared. All health services personnel, as well as general members, are encouraged to register for the yearbook and indicate their profession.

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## DARKER SHADES OF BLUE THE ROGUE PILOT

Author: Tony Kern

Reviewer: Col. Phil Groshong

This is a book I highly recommend to all Civil Air Patrol pilots — no matter your experience level. It is a chronicle of the actions of “rogue pilots” in almost every sector of aviation, including general aviation, commercial, the military and CAP.

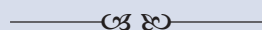
Throughout the book, Kern discusses what a rogue pilot is, why they exist and how to stop them. His conclusions are insightful and hit close to home for all aviators.

After reading the book, I identified some times and situations in my life where I came close to being a rogue pilot myself. Kern makes the point we all have the tendency to act as rogues and it is important we understand this fact in order to recognize and guard against it in ourselves and in other pilots.

So just what is a rogue pilot? The author defines rogue behavior as “willingly and unnecessarily failing to comply with existing guidance or taking unwarranted risks.” A classic example of a rogue pilot in action is Lt. Col. Bob Hammond, who flew a B-52 into the ground at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., in 1994 while practicing for an air show. The accident investigation revealed Hammond had a long history of “bending the rules” and doing things contrary to Air Force regulations and safe operating practices. The big question is why was he allowed to continue to fly when so many were aware of his actions? As it turned out, many of his commanders had simply looked the other way for years. Truly frightening to think this could happen in a professional military flying unit.

The CAP rogue cited in the book is a frustrated aviator who feels he must do things that will get people to recognize him as a “superior aviator.” The author points out he is the classic accident waiting to happen, which is a sobering and accurate conclusion.

Throughout the book, Kern presents case after case of pilots behaving in ways that give a responsible aviator the chills. In the last chapter, he gives us a 10-step airmanship model which is very insightful and, if followed, leaves no room for the rogue pilot. I leave it to each of you to determine where you fall on the continuum of safe professional versus rogue. I only hope that after you read this book, as I did, you will examine your own actions and those of other aviators with a more critical and educated eye.



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# PA's Hawk Mountain Ranger School builds character, 'America's tomorrow'

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PENNSYLVANIA — “You come to Hawk Mountain to build character. You are America's tomorrow.”

Those were the words of Pennsylvania Wing Chaplain Doug Littleton. And when he shouted out, “What are we striving for?” One-hundred-sixty-eight cadets representing 30 Civil Air Patrol wings shouted back, “Excellence!”

He paced across the field moments before a Pennsylvania National Guard helicopter would land in a small grass clearing on the mountain top. “And what are we walking in?” he asked. In unison, they shouted back, “Integrity!”

For 47 years, the Pennsylvania Wing has proudly trained cadets and senior members at Hawk Mountain Ranger School. Less than two hours northwest of Philadelphia and adjacent to Hawk Mountain Forest Reserve, the school's Appalachian oak forest and complex topography lend themselves well to emergency services training. The dedicated staff along with their curriculum lend themselves well to building responsible citizens.

The program simulates the stress of real search and rescue missions by challenging students both mentally and physically with an overriding theme of “service before self.”

Mornings at Hawk started at 5:30 a.m. with physical training, a challenging confidence course and then formation. Days were packed with classes and practicals involving land and aero navigation, search theory, moral leadership, first aid, knot tying, incident command, crash-site security, cutting tools, mountain rescue, communications, problem solving, team building, core values and character development. This year, students also received formalized character development training — a new addition to the curriculum.

“Each evening a different topic



A Civil Air Patrol cadet initiates a litter descent at Pulpit Rock during Hawk Mountain 2003 in Pennsylvania.

was discussed in relation to CAP core values,” said Maj. Anne Gibbons, a 19-year veteran of Hawk. “Integrity, excellence, volunteer service and respect were continually emphasized throughout the week. We tied these core values into search and rescue.”

While character development training may be new to the curriculum, it is not new to Hawk Mountain. Prior to instructing at the school, staff members must complete an eight-weekend training program. Staff cadets must then complete a rigorous two-year training cycle before becoming full staff members.

In addition to visits by Hawk alumni dating back to 1956, this year's distinguished guests included: CAP Chief of Staff Col. Larry Kauffman; Northeast Region Commander Col. Rick Greenhut; Pennsylvania Wing Commander Col. Allen Applebaum; CAP Executive Director Al Allenback; and Northeast Liaison Region Commander Air Force Col. Doug Goodlin.

During his visit, Allenback recognized Hawk's director of Training, Lt. Col. Richard Runyan, for 45 years of dedicated

service. Runyan and the other 102 staff members have more than 680 years of combined experience at Hawk. Some of them are the children of former Hawk students, who themselves were once staff cadets, then senior instructors.

By midweek, students started field exercises, which included 20-mile hikes. Students also received training in field hygiene, shelter building, aircraft vectoring, food and water procurement, rock climbing, high-angle rescue and rappelling. “Every time we stop, they're teaching us something. I'm taking it back to my squadron,” said Texas Wing Cadet Capt. Daniel McIntyre.

Students also received a SAR dog demonstration by the American Rescue Dog Association and a visit by the Lehigh Valley MedEvac helicopter and crew.

At the end of the nine-day course, the school gathered to sum up and tie together the core values, character development and SAR skills. Mixed with a little aerospace education, leadership training and a few life skills, Hawk Mountain was again successful at building responsible citizens for America.

Photo by Air Force Capt. Bob Morgan

## 5th Annual Military Music Academy

The 5th Annual National Military Music Academy was held at Camp Fretterd, Md., July 14-29.

Nineteen cadet musicians and 16 senior members from across the United States and Germany took part.

I was dreaming. Somewhere — way in the back of that dream — I heard the words, “I can’t get them up! I can’t get them up in the morning!” Then, from out of nowhere, a bugle beating out “Reveille” faster than I had ever heard it played before. I sat bolt upright — and bumped my head against the bunk above. “Ouch!”

It was still dark outside and a maniac had their lips on a bugle. With that bugle still echoing in the hallway of the Maryland National Guard Camp Fretterd’s barracks, where we were quartered, I said aloud, “Oh, no! What have I gotten myself into?”

At my trumpeting daughter’s urging, I volunteered to serve as the public affairs officer for the 2003 National Military Music Academy. I contacted the academy’s operations officer Maj. James Steinmeier. “Sure,” he chuckled, “we can always use another senior member.”

The first few days were spent getting to know each other and a daily regime of rehearsal as tough as any cadet basic encampment — only the drills were musical. Breakfast was at the break of day, and then everyone assembled for practice. Lunch, then practice, dinner, then practice — and



Group photo of the 5th Annual Military Music Academy held at Camp Fretterd, Md., in July.

then “Taps” at 9:30 p.m. It was a very demanding schedule.

The academy was under the direction of Maj. George Carroll. He was assisted by percussionists 2nd Lts. Janet Thompson and Jim Schmidt, brass instructors Maj. Bob Myers and 1st Lt. Dan Krause, plus members of the Maryland Wing Band.

By the end of the week, they were ready for their first performance and parade at the Deep River Ancient Muster in Deep River, Conn. Even a vocalist senior member, 1st Lt. Becca Burkhead (who had never even touched a drumstick) played drum in a parade of more than 60 marching units — making a joyous cacophony with several hundred fife and drum musicians. Afterward were a stand-in-place performance and an evening of “jamming.”

After watching this event, there was no doubt fifes, drums and bugles belong in parades and military ceremonies. Forget the CD recordings! Live music is the very soul of a marching unit!

The fired-up NMMA next took on the annual Mount Airy parade, supported by several local Maryland squadrons. The drums beat louder, and the fifes and bugles competed with float-pulling tractors — and won!

Then on to Trinity College in Washington, D.C., where we switched to military concert band mode and practiced with the U.S. National Naval Medical Center Hospital Band at Bethesda for a performance at the opening of an auditorium dedicated to mission specialist Laurel Clark, a Space Shuttle Columbia casualty.

The days of the second week became a blur of practice and performance. However, during a morning respite at Bolling Air Force Base in

Washington, D.C., to watch the U.S. Air Force Band rehearse, cadets were able to see the demands of perfection, as well as the rewards. Imagine — being paid to play music in the Air Force. Georgia Wing’s Cadet 2nd Lt. Kelli Foley was invited to conduct as the band played Sousa’s march, “Aviators!” The next day we played a concert at the Mormon Temple Reception Center, which is also in Washington, D.C.

Next, we helped mark the 50th anniversary of cessation of the Korean War by performing a musical tribute to the Korean War Veterans. This event at the Arlington National Cemetery’s Amphitheater has become an NMMA tradition. The colors were presented and a lone bugler played Taps, to honor the fallen. Another veteran’s unit played “Amazing Grace” on bagpipes. We then visited the CAP Memorial near the Tomb of the Unknowns and paid our respects while rendering “Taps.”

We returned the next day to play again for the veterans as they marched around the Washington Monument to the Korean War

Monument. As they passed our position, we took places behind the marchers and escorted them with our boldest fife, drum and bugle to honor their bravery and sacrifice. As we marched, our music was recorded by Voice of America Radio and later played to South and North Korea and Japan.

We toured sites in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor and spent an entire afternoon watching the Tattoo by the 3rd Army and the Old Guard Fife, Drum and Bugle. Army Vocalists had

the crowd on their feet singing “Proud to be an American.” The Army’s Precision Drill Team held us breathless as rifles — with fixed bayonets — flew high in the air. A tour of D.C. included a choice of museums as well as visiting the Lincoln and Washington Monuments and the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial Wall.

“These cadets got hands-on experience of the best quality in providing music for military ceremonies,” said Carroll of their performance at Arlington Cemetery.

At the end of the tour, almost all of the cadets had passed the audition for membership in the International Association of Field Musicians, including the new vocalist/bass drummer, Becca Burkhead.

Graduating cadets were: Maj. Drew Wayne; 2nd Lts. Daniel Beasley, Timothy Cantu, Benjamin Emerick, Kelli Foley, Erin Stone, Ryan Story, John Gutierrez and Erin Noyes; 1st Lts. David Schmidt and Richard Barnard; Senior Master Sgts.

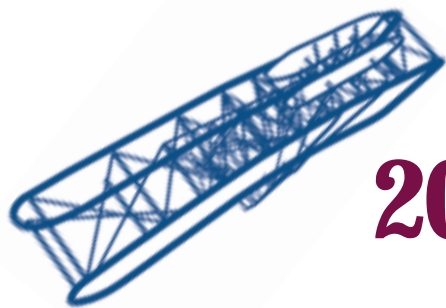
Mikell Admire and Peter Imbriale; Master Sgts. Tobin Lam and Diane Mattingly; Airmen

1st Class David Amos and Ariel Childress; Airman Michael Stewart; and Airman Basic Alexis Cotton.

Senior members who played, supported and mentored were: Lt. Cols. Jim Steinmeier and Rodney Douglass; Majs. George Carroll and Bob Myers; Capts. Irwin Deutscher and Charles Goolsby; 2nd Lt. Nicolle Admire, Jim Schmidt, Tom Cherrix, Caroline Cherrix, Burkhead and Thompson; 1st Lt. Dan Krause, Tonya Murray, Brian Murray and Dave Stone; and Sr. Mbr. Eve Stone.

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Public Affairs Officer  
National Military Music Academy





## SPECIAL REPORT

# 2003 CAP National Board & Annual Conference



Aug. 25-27, 2003

*"Celebrating a century of flight"*

MGM Grand Las Vegas



Photo by Jim Tynan

Left, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling raises Brig. Gen. Dwight Wheless' arm in victory after the CAP National Board reelected Wheless as CAP's national vice commander during the board meeting on Aug. 25.

## Board reelects Wheless as CAP vice commander

LAS VEGAS — Brig. Gen. Dwight Wheless of Manteo, N.C., has been reelected by the Civil Air Patrol National Board for a third term as national vice commander.

Wheless, a Manteo attorney, said he was honored to continue in the position. "It's been an honor to serve," said Wheless. "I appreciate the confidence of the national board and the opportunity to help shape tomorrow's CAP and its services to America."

Wheless joined CAP in 1981 when the Coastal Senior Squadron reactivated in Manteo, N.C. He has also served CAP as National Legal Officer, North Carolina Wing Commander, Chairman of the National Appeals Board, Chairman and Member of the Member Appeal Review Board and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

While in CAP, Wheless has been awarded multiple Distinguished Service medals, Exceptional Service awards, Meritorious Service awards and Commanders commendations.

Wheless has practiced law in Manteo for 36 years — 22 of which were also spent as Dare County Attorney. He has served as: President, Dare County and First Judicial District Bar Associations. He was twice voted the Outstanding County Attorney in North Carolina and has been awarded the state's highest honor for volunteer service, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

## More than 900 attend

LAS VEGAS — Against the backdrop of Las Vegas — the city of entertainment — and the luxurious MGM Grand Hotel, more than 900 attendees showed up in Las Vegas to participate in the 2003 Civil Air Patrol National Board and Annual Conference Aug. 25-27.

On Aug. 25, members of the CAP National Board conducted a meeting and decided on a number of agenda items.

Following is a list of the actions taken by board members.

✍ Brig. Gen. Dwight Wheless reelected as the CAP national vice commander.

✍ Confirmation of the following corporate officials:

— Col. Larry Kauffman, national chief of staff;

— Col. Rock Palermo, national legal officer;

— Col. Don Angel, national finance officer;

— Col. Joseph Meighan Jr., national controller;

— Col. William Charles, national inspector general (three-year term); and

— Chaplain (Col.) James Melancon, national chief of Chaplains Services.

✍ Ratification of the following regulations:

— CAP Regulation 70-1, *CAP Acquisition Regulation Introduction*;

— CAPR 77-1, *Operation and Maintenance of CAP Vehicles*;

— CAPR 60-6, *CAP Counter-drug Operations*; and

— CAPR 900-5, *Civil Air Patrol Insurance/Benefits Program*.

✍ Voted to establish electronically published regulations as the official regulation of the organization. The electronically published regulation shall be updated within 30 days of final adoption of any regulation change. Printed copies of the regulation are to be published when all the open regulation changes have final approval.

✍ Voted to change CAPR 77-1 to allow placement of distinctive markings on corporate vehicles. The CAP Vehicle Committee will determine appropriate markings and notify the field when the design is completed.

✍ Voted to allow the CAP National Headquarters staff to research the possibility of having

the 2005 and 2006 National Cadet Competition in the Washington, D.C., area.

✍ Voted to delete the requirement for individuals pursuing the operations officer specialty track to be a Federal Aviation Administration-certified flight instructor.

✍ Voted to establish an automatic renewal process via a credit card authorization.

✍ Voted to approve a region staff college coin. The coin will be made available for presentation to guest speakers at region staff colleges.

✍ Voted to approve the advanced promotion for individuals with professional qualifications serving as finance officers.

✍ Voted to authorize a CAP command badge.

✍ Voted to approve a policy that region vice commanders, upon completion of their appointment and who have not served as corporate officers, will revert to the grade of lieutenant colonel, unless approved by the NEC, regardless of their grade when appointed.

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## NEC elects former national commander to BoG

LAS VEGAS — Brig. Gen. Paul Bergman of Wabash, Ind., was elected to the Civil Air Patrol Board of Governors as one of two members at large by the CAP National Executive Committee Aug. 25.

Bergman, who currently serves as special assistant to the CAP national commander for homeland security, says his appointment to the board reflects CAP's increasing focus on homeland security missions.

"Since Sept. 11, 2001, CAP has been tasked more frequently with missions designed to protect our communities," Bergman said. "This is

an important new direction for CAP because it provides our members a way to have real impact on our nation's security."

Bergman is a consultant for two homeland security organizations in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he is engaged in planning and executing weapons of mass destruction exercises for individual states and cities around the country in concert with the Domestic Preparedness Office of the Department of Homeland Security. After the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon, he served as a member of the team that authored the terrorism annex for the District



Brig. Gen. Paul Bergman

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# Conference Highlights



CAP Senior Member of the Year Col. Drew Alexa of the Colorado Wing accepts his plaque.

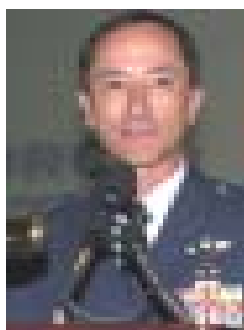


CAP Cadet of the Year Cadet Col. Louis R. Gabriel of the Hawaii Wing accepts his plaque.



Cadet Capt. Emily Hudson of the Maryland Wing accepts her Spaatz Association Aerospace Leadership Scholarship.

Air Force Brig. Gen. David Cleary, Air Force director of homeland security, addresses the general assembly.



Col. Vernon Harms, center, former CAP Chaplain Service chief, visits with CAP chaplains in the exhibit hall.



Oklahoma Wing Commander Col. Virginia Keller looks over CAPMart's new embroidered shirts.



Orville and Wilbur Wright pose for a photo with a conference attendee.



Air Force and CAP attendees get an opportunity to network in the exhibit hall.



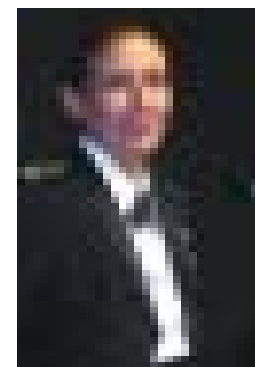
CAP National Executive Committee members and other senior leaders pose for a picture after a close-up look at CAP's new Gippsland GA8 Airvan at the North Las Vegas Airport Aug. 24.



A senior member wears a CAP World War II-era uniform.



C-Map representative Bill Poirier talks to attendees in the exhibit hall.



Banquet keynote speaker Air Force Capt. Kim (Reed) Campbell, an A-10 Thunderbolt pilot and former California Wing cadet, talks about her experiences flying in Iraq.



# CAP Annual Award Winners

## Senior Member of the Year

Col. Drew Alexa  
Colorado Wing

## Cadet of the Year

Cadet Col. Louis R. Gabriel  
Hawaii Wing

## F. Ward Reilly Leadership Award

Capt. Courtney Walsh  
Valkyrie Cadet Squadron  
Colorado Wing

## Organizational Brewer Award

Geibel High School  
Greensburg, Penn.

## Senior Member Brewer Award

1st Lt. Jondarr V.T. Bradshaw  
Ohio Wing

## Cadet Member Brewer Award

Cadet Capt. Max Sissman  
Virginia Wing

## Individual Brewer Award

Col. Kenneth O. Wofford (AF, Ret.)  
Minnesota

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2nd Lt. Michael R. Odle  
South Dakota Wing

## Safety Officer of the Year

Capt. Paul E. Mondoux  
New Hampshire Wing

## Paul W. Turner Safety Award

New Hampshire Wing

## Sights on Safety Awards

Kansas Wing — \$5,000  
Utah Wing — \$3,000  
Colorado Wing — \$2,000  
Douglas County Composite Sq.,  
Nevada Wing — \$2,000  
Coeur d'Alene Composite Sq.,  
Idaho Wing — \$1,000  
Albuquerque Senior Sq.,  
New Mexico Wing — \$500

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## Senior Chaplains of the Year

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Whit Woodard  
California Wing  
Chap. (Lt. Col.) Charles E. Sharp  
Southwest Region

## Squadron Chaplain of the Year

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Harry S. Foden  
North Carolina Wing

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Lt. Col. James Moss  
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## Outstanding Drug Demand Reduction Wing

North Carolina Wing

## National Aerospace Education Awards

First Place — Florida Wing  
Second Place — California Wing  
Third Place — Texas Wing

## Aerospace Education Awards

New York Wing (NER)  
National Capital Wing (MER)  
Michigan Wing (GLR)  
Florida Wing (SER)  
Minnesota Wing (NCR)  
Texas Wing (SWR)  
Colorado Wing (RMR)  
California Wing (PCR)

## Mission Awards/Counterdrug

Pennsylvania Wing (NER)  
Delaware Wing (MER)  
Indiana Wing (GLR)  
Florida Wing (SER)  
Iowa Wing (NCR)  
Arkansas Wing (SWR)  
Colorado Wing (RMR)  
California Wing (PCR)

## Mission Awards/SAR

Maine Wing (NER)  
Virginia Wing (MER)  
Kentucky Wing (GLR)  
Florida Wing (SER)  
Iowa Wing (NCR)  
Oklahoma Wing (SWR)  
Utah Wing (RMR)  
Alaska Wing (PCR)

## Mission Awards/Disaster Relief

Connecticut Wing (NER)  
West Virginia Wing (MER)  
Kentucky Wing (GLR)  
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Minnesota Wing (NCR)  
Louisiana Wing (SWR)  
Colorado Wing (RMR)  
Nevada Wing (PCR)  
Washington Wing (PCR)

## Squadrons of Distinction

Silver City Cadet Sq.,  
Connecticut Wing (NER)  
Greenville Composite Sq.,  
South Carolina Wing (MER)  
Fox Cities Composite Sq.,  
Wisconsin Wing (GLR)  
Peachtree City Falcon Field  
Composite Sq.,  
Georgia Wing (SER)  
Anoka County Composite Sq.,  
Minnesota Wing (NCR)  
Northwest Arkansas Composite Sq.,  
Arkansas Wing (SWR)  
Valkyrie Cadet Sq.,  
Colorado Wing (RMR)  
Overlake Composite Sq.,  
Washington Wing (PCR)

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✍ Voted to approve the renaming of the leadership ribbon to the Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Leadership Ribbon in honor of this distinguished airman and honored American — the first black Army Air Corps general and first commander of the Tuskegee Airmen. This will be done with the concurrence of the Davis family.

✍ Voted to adopt the wearing of the current gray three-line name tag to be worn on the service dress coat until a new name tag is approved, effective September 2003, pending notification authorization from CAP-U.S. Air Force.

✍ Voted to request the CAP executive director, with assistance as needed from the volunteer membership, to conduct a Broad Area Review of all existing and proposed CAP paperwork, including but not limited to regulations, manuals, pamphlets, forms and tests. The objective should be to improve the quality and efficiency of CAP's operations, thereby reducing the burden on CAP's volunteer members, while enhancing safety and compliance with regulatory mandates, and minimizing all forms of risk. The executive director is requested to provide an interim

report with recommendations, if available, to the fall 2003 National Executive Committee, and a final report with recommendations to the winter 2004 National Board.

✍ Voted to approve a policy that, as electronic processes are developed to replace paper forms, CAP units are authorized to use the electronic process of filing as an alternative to the paper form. This policy shall apply to all CAP publications.

✍ Voted to request that the CAP executive director investigate electronic signature technologies suitable for sensitive CAP transactions, and provide a proposal for implementation, including costs, to the winter 2004 National Board. Further, the executive director, along with the chief financial officer and general counsel, are requested to classify all current and future CAP forms as either sensitive or nonsensitive with respect to their signature requirements, as soon as possible.

✍ Voted to adopt a policy that when logging into CAP Internet-based services with the user name and password combination uniquely assigned to an individual shall be considered equivalent to signing a paper form by that individual for any nonsensitive transactions, as determined by the CAP executive director, chief financial officer, and general counsel.

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of Columbia Response Plan.

Bergman also operates his own consulting company, which, in addition to conducting chemical and biological tabletop exercises, is engaged by counties across Indiana to conduct hazard analyses and author subsequent county-level comprehensive emergency management plans.

As a member of the BoG, Bergman will serve in a key leadership position. The board was established by the Defense Authorization Act of 2001 after CAP's leadership structure was reorganized. It is made up of four CAP representatives, four members appointed by the Air Force, and three members from other agencies and organizations. The board is CAP's primary decision-making body.

Bergman joined CAP in 1982 as a member of the Indiana Wing, serving as a unit public affairs officer, squadron commander, group commander, wing chief of staff, wing vice commander and wing commander. He then served as Great Lakes Region commander, CAP national

chief of staff and national vice commander. Bergman served as CAP national commander from August 1996 to March 1998.

Bergman's CAP awards and decorations include five Distinguished Service Medals, four Exceptional Service Awards, four Meritorious Service Awards, three Commander's Commendation Awards, two Lifesaving Awards, three Unit Citation Award ribbons and the Aerospace Education Award. He has earned the Gill Robb Wilson Award, as well as numerous other service and activity ribbons. He was recognized as the 1984 Indiana Wing Senior Member of the Year. In 1990, he was recognized by CAP National Headquarters as the Wing Commander of the Year.

Bergman has also been awarded Life Membership in CAP by the CAP National Board.

Bergman was born in Defiance, Ohio, and entered the U.S. Air Force in 1958. He was assigned to the U.S. Air Force Presidential Honor Guard in

Washington, D.C., where he performed ceremonial functions for the President, visiting foreign dignitaries, and performing military funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. He later served in Air Force Intelligence Command overseas assignments in Tripoli, North Africa, Turkey, and Germany. His active military service concluded with a tour at Grissom Air Force Base, Ind. He was later a member of the Military Department of Indiana, serving as the air wing liaison officer in the Indiana Guard Reserve and retiring as a colonel in 1998.

With 40 years of community service in the disaster relief arena, Bergman has served as executive director of his county Emergency Management Agency, county disaster chairman of the American Red Cross, reserve captain of the local sheriff's department and county chairman of the board of the American Red Cross.

Bergman is a pilot and member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Air Force Association and a lifetime member of the American Legion. He is also a charter member of the Air Force Honor Guard Association.

## 26 attend 2003 SW Region Staff College

**Lt. Col. Sharon M. Lane**  
Public Affairs Officer  
Southwest Region Staff College

**SOUTHWEST REGION** — Twenty-six students graduated from the 2003 Southwest Region Staff College, which was held on the Kirtland Air Force Base (N.M.) NCO Academy grounds.

The college was led by director Maj. Margo Sothard of the Arizona Wing — her second year as director — and 20 staff members.

All six wings of the Southwest Region were represented this year.

Students attending were:

Arizona — Maj. Dennis Allred and Charles Bendixen;

Arkansas — Lt. Cols. Max Gore and Joseph Jensen, and Maj. Jack Gowin, James Stevens, Sharon Stevens, Faye Williams, James Williams and David Winslow;

Louisiana — Maj. Thomas Barnard;

Oklahoma — Maj. Elizabeth Windes and Joe Windes;

New Mexico — 1st Lts. Shirley Kay, Deborah Martin and Eric Rossmeisl; and

Texas — Maj. Melanie Capehart, Jean Fisher, Mike Hays, Wesley Milner, Don Roberts, Scott Trepinski and Alexander Hamilton, and Capt. Jeff Harrell and Jeff Pearson.



Members of the 2003 Southwest Region Staff College Outstanding Seminar — from left, Lt. Col. Kim Gray (advisor), Capt. Jeff Pearson, Maj. Tom Barnard, Maj. Sharon Stevens, Maj. Dennis Allred, 1st Lt. Shirley Kay, Lt. Col. Max Gore and 1st Lt. Eric Rossmeisl.

Staff members were:

Arizona — Lt. Col. Robert Efros, Maj. Juliet Efros and Capt. Martha Farley;

Arkansas — SWR Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Smith;

Louisiana — Col. Colin Fake, Lt. Cols. Amos Plante and Charles Smith, Maj. Mike Swanson, 1st Lt. Nettie Breau, and Sr. Mbr. John Zaremba;

New Mexico — Lt. Cols. Sharon Lane and Beverly Pepe, Maj. William Brown, and Capt. David Simonson;

Oklahoma — Capt. Thomas Byers; Texas — Lt. Cols. Don Fisher, Kim Gray, Rebecca McGinley, and Chaplain Robert Whitley.

The NCO Academy instructors were: Chief Master Sgt. Steve Sargent, Tech. Sgts. Amy Corder and William

Freeman, and Master Sgts. Michael DeHart and David McKay. In addition, Master Sgts. Edgar Poe and Ronald Williams with the 58th Special Operations Wing taught the group.

Other CAP instructors were: Ed Brown, Texas Wing state director; Col. Dennis Manzanarez, former New Mexico Wing commander; Lt. Col. Joe Macklin, Southwest Liaison Region director of operations; Lt. Col. Andrew Selph; and Beth A. White, Southwest Region aerospace education director.

College awards included: Outstanding Student — Allred; and Outstanding Speaker — Trepinski. The first Spirit Award, which will become a traditional award at the college, was presented to Milner.

## 15 attend 2003 NE Region Staff College

**Lt. Col. Connie O'Grady**  
Public Affairs Officer  
Northeast Region

**NORTHEAST REGION** — The 2003 Northeast Region Staff College was held at the McGuire Air Force Base (N.J.) NCO Academy July 13-19.

Nine region majors and six captains attended the college under the direction of Col. Bryan W. Cooper, former Rhode Island Wing commander and current director of plans and programs for the region.

Other staff members included: Commandant of students — Lt. Col. James Mackey, an Arizona resident who previously served as the region's director of emergency services; curriculum coordinator — Col. Joy S. Nelson, New York; assistant curriculum coordinator — Maj. Charles Howlet, New York; adjutant to the commander of students — 1st Lt. Morris Hoodye, a California Wing member who previously served on the Northeast Region staff; protocol officer — Maj. Jack Ozer, New York; finance officer — Lt. Col. Margaret Hannah, Florida; Seminar 1 advisor — Lt. Col. Wellesley Hannah, vice commander of the Florida Wing; Seminar 2 advisor — Maj. Joseph Goldman, New York; program analyst — Lt. Col. Randall Johnson, New

York; assistant program analysts — Lt. Col. Evmorfilli Kyridis, Massachusetts, and Maj. William Bishop, New Jersey; director of support — Capt. Stephen Samuels, New York; and assistant directors of support — Lt. Col. John A. O'Grady and Lt. Col. Constance O'Grady, Northeast Region, Capt. Mac Brice, New York, and Capt. Joseph Wyatt, New Jersey.

Attending the college were:

New York — Maj. John F. Galuski, Gladys M. Suessle, and Stanley A. Skrabut, and Capt. John E. Bradley III;

Maryland — Maj. Roberta Fries and Capt. Karl R. Katterjohn;

New Hampshire — Maj. H. Mead Herrick and Darin L. Ninness;

New Jersey — Maj. John C. Jacobson;

Connecticut — Maj. Daniel M. Wrobel;

Pennsylvania — Capt. Alex M. Bodner and Sr. Mbr. Gary W. Metz;

Northeast Region — Capt. James A. Ray;

Florida — Capt. Ernest G. Manzano; and

Vermont — Capt. Karl Senor.

The Lamplighter Award — presented to the most effective student chosen by the students — was given to Bradley.

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## TN member flies in 27th Air Race Classic

**Lt. Col. Melinda Lord**  
Chief of Staff  
Tennessee Wing

TENNESSEE — A Tennessee Wing Group I member and her partner flew in the 27th Air Race Classic 2003.

First-time racers 1st Lt. Linda Meese of Knoxville, Tenn., and Martha Miller of Chattanooga, Tenn., took on the 2,000-mile all-women cross-country speed race in Meese's Cessna C-172XP.

Meese is an instrument-rated pilot who is working on her commercial rating and Miller is a commercial, multiengine and instrument pilot. Both are members of the Tennessee Chapter of The Ninety-Nines.

The two left Tennessee June 16 for Pratt, Kan., for pre-race briefings. The race started June 21 with 36 planes

leaving from Pratt, Kan. The first stop on the circuit was Grand Island, Mich. Then on to Albert Lea, Minn., where they hurried to get out due to bad weather.

Next they flew on to Menominee, Minn., where they spent the night after flying more than 730 miles that day.

On June 22, they launched for the next leg to Peru, Ill., and then continued on to Dayton, Ohio. They reported that Dayton was a very busy airport, as they did a fly-by with several planes in the air space not aware of the air race.

On June 23, they left for Altoona, Pa., and then on to Danville, Va., with 170 knots ground speed.

The last timeline was at First Fight, Kill Devils Hills, N.C. After the fly-by, Meese and Miller landed at Dare County Manteo, N.C., and finished the race a day early.

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The race's course covered 12 states and more than 2,000 miles in length. Each plane was given a handicap based on horsepower and design.

The winners were determined by how well the planes exceeded their handicaps in ground speed. Altitudes, wind, pilot skills, weather and aircraft conditions were among the factors that influenced the score. Meese and Miller placed first as the first-time "rookie" team and 13th overall.

Women's air racing started in 1929 with the First Women's Air Derby. Twenty pilots raced from Santa Monica, Calif., to Cleveland — site of the national air races.

Racing continued through the 1930s and was renewed again after World War II when the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race — better



Photo by Carol Froehling

Air Race Classic 2003 partners 1st Lt. Linda Meese, right, of Tennessee Wing's Group 1 and Martha Miller pose for a photo next to their #25 race plane — Meese's Cessna C-172XP.

known as the Powder Puff Derby — came into being.

The AWTAR held its 30th and final event in 1977. When the AWTAR was discontinued, the Air Race Classic, Ltd. stepped in to continue the tra-

dition of transcontinental speed competition for women pilots and staged its premiere race that same year.

To read more about the Air Race Classic, go to [www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org).

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## ■ CAP PILOT BREAKS 'SOUND' BARRIER

# Senior member first deaf commercial pilot in Michigan

**1st Lt. Tim Moran**  
Public Affairs Officer  
Selfridge Cadet Squadron  
Michigan Wing

**MICHIGAN** — A huge round of applause from some 40 cadets and eight senior members greeted Michigan Wing's 1st Lt. Stephen Hopson July 24 when it was announced he had just been approved for his commercial pilot's license.

To Hopson, 43, the applause was silent — but the sight of clapping hands told the deaf pilot his accomplishment was appreciated by his fellow Selfridge Cadet Squadron members.

Hopson, who has served as the assistant aerospace education officer for the Selfridge squadron for two years, is the first deaf pilot to achieve a commercial license in Michigan, and is one of only a few deaf pilots in the nation.

His check ride and examination were an exciting validation of months of study, he said. "I hardly slept the night before and did an unbelievable amount of preparation — so much, in fact, I literally zipped through the oral portion of the check ride," Hopson said.

His accomplishments show that limits of every kind can be challenged with persistence, cooperation and understanding. "To compensate for my deafness, I've had to do well at other things. I've always had determination and a desire to succeed," Hopson said.

He has been deaf since birth, though his condition was not diagnosed until about age 3. A high-tech hearing aid now gives Hopson slight input, like a static-heavy AM radio. "I cannot communicate with anybody unless I can see them," he said.

Through extensive speech therapy and extra hours of school work, Hopson learned how to talk, lip-read and interpret American Sign Language in order to adapt to a hearing world.

Hopson made an early career as a stockbroker on Wall Street, but left that profession to follow his dreams of flight. "I've wanted to fly since I was a kid," he said. "When I was a teenager, I would take my mother's car to the airport and watch planes take off and land all day. I can't explain why, but it's been a dream to fly for the longest time."

Through the Internet, Hopson learned about the International Deaf Pi-



1st Lt. Stephen Hopson of Michigan Wing's Selfridge Cadet Squadron readies his plane for takeoff. Hopson became the first deaf commercial pilot in the state of Michigan when he passed the test for his commercial pilot license July 24.

lots Association and became a member. Through that organization, he found out it was possible to qualify for a pilot's license and also learned of some adaptive skills needed by such pilots.

He began flight school at a number of southeastern Michigan airports, and had to face many other challenges. His first flight school closed due to a business relocation, which left him stranded. A second instructor proved to be incompatible, and, on the third try, Hopson himself ran out of money to continue lessons. He took a job working for a fixed-base operator, fueling planes and doing what he could to stay near aviation, and continued flight lessons every time he had extra funds.

Then Hopson heard about the Civil Air Patrol — again from the Internet. He discovered the Selfridge Cadet Squadron was located nearby and soon joined in 2001. He learned that working with motivated teens held its own benefits. Cadets unfamiliar with Hopson's deafness found his speech patterns odd at first, but gradually adjusted to them. Today he lectures on aerospace education topics. "I think it's helping the cadets become a little more aware of what they have and don't have. What they can do and can't do," Hopson said.

Maj. Terri Couls, Selfridge squadron commander, said Hopson quickly became an asset to the squadron and has been one of its most reliable members. "He found a home here and we

enjoy his participation. In many small ways, Lieutenant Hopson reminds us to be inclusive, and helps us find ways to adapt to cadet needs," she said.

In January, Hopson flew his first CAP check ride on the path to becoming a mission transport pilot, and in April, he flew a successful annual Form 5 check ride to maintain his CAP pilot currency. "As a result of my new Form 5 check ride, I am now able to fly a CAP plane solo whether in towered or non-towered airports. The only restriction I have now is when I become a cadet orientation pilot, I am not allowed to carry cadets at airports with controlled towers," he said.

"Most of my flying is in uncontrolled airspace. According to FAA regulations, my pilots' license does not allow me to fly through controlled airspace unless I have another person to go with me to help with the radios or if flying solo, prior arrangements are made ahead of time with the supervising control tower. I would prefer another pilot go with me so they can handle the radios for me," Hopson explained.

He is able to make landings at tower-controlled airports, though, if he has made specific arrangements ahead of time for a precise arrival and touchdown. The pilot then must squawk the tower at specific intervals, announcing when he is 10 miles away, then five, then three. Tower controllers use a light gun to signal the deaf pilot the

landing is still approved or to wave him off. A combination of colored lights and flashing codes transmits simple messages.

In case of an emergency that might require him to fly in controlled airspace, Hopson is able to make a one-way communication stating he is a deaf pilot and needs to make an emergency landing.

The hardest part about learning to fly, for Hopson, was landing. "It's hard to explain, but the landings were the hardest — and my favorite part, too. They were the most challenging part of flight training," he said.

Because he cannot hear the stall alarm, he has had to become much more aware of the overall feel of each plane he flies and its characteristics. "I can feel when the airplane begins to vibrate, and when the controls become mushy. I know when an airplane is going into a stall or when it's in a stall and what I have to do to recover," he said.

Hopson is a meticulous and scientific flyer, said squadron members who have ridden with him. "If you picture the ordinary care a pilot puts into a checklist and safety procedures, Stephen just about doubles that amount of care," said Capt. Rick Thalmann, Selfridge squadron deputy commander and himself a pilot.

Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Bell said Hopson's accomplishments are inspiring to both cadets and senior squadron members. "It's neat to have somebody who has overcome challenges to do what they love, and for him to be able to fly is a great example to the cadets of never saying things are impossible," Bell said.

Hopson isn't resting on his laurels, either. He has plans that include ever-deeper CAP involvement, and even more challenging flight opportunities. "One of my goals is to become the first deaf cadet orientation pilot in the history of CAP," he said. "It is also my dream to fly jets. This means I will need to become instrument-rated, and in order to become instrument-rated, you have to be able to 'hear' over the radio. I'm waiting for technology to catch up with me — and the way technology is going, it won't be long before deaf pilots will be able to maintain two-way communication with tower controllers and approach control centers via text messages in the cockpit."

Photo by David Dalton/Courtesy of the Macomb Daily, Mount Clemens, MI



# HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteer highlights from "coast to coast" ...

The purpose of the *NATIONwide* section is to provide publicity for the achievements of Civil Air Patrol members involved in CAP activities at the unit, wing and region levels. Submissions should be sent no later than 45 days after the event via e-mail to [capnews@cap.gov](mailto:capnews@cap.gov) or via the U.S. Postal Service to the following address: Coast to Coast, *Civil Air Patrol News*, 105 South Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332.

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE** — Maj. Alexander Kaszynski of New Hampshire Wing's Hawk Cadet Squadron is one of five cadets to be nationally awarded the Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau Flight Scholarship.

The scholarship is valued at \$2,100 and applicable toward ground and flight instruction leading to a private pilot's license during the 2003 academic school year.

The Beau flight scholarship is awarded by the Order of the Daedalians — a fraternity of current and retired military pilots who award flight scholarships to CAP cadets each year.

Kaszynski, who will be an 11th-grade student at Brewster Academy this year, has already earned his solo wings, having been the 2002 winner of the New Hampshire Wing's Albert J. Sambold Flight Scholarship.

Kaszynski has been a member for four years and has served as Hawk squadron's cadet commander and a member of the squadron color guard and drill team. He also attended the National Space Command Familiarization Course in 2002.

Kaszynski has held leadership positions at Maine Wing's encampment for the past three years; while there, he served as the 2003 executive officer, 2002 deputy commander and 2001 flight commander. He has also been selected to lead the 2004 Maine encampment because of his performance as executive officer at this year's encampment and his ability to work with his cadet staff as a leader.

Kaszynski received the Outstanding Cadet Officer Award at the recent Maine

encampment by a vote of his peers and senior staff members. This is the first time a cadet outside of Maine has been selected as the Maine Wing encampment commander.

Kaszynski is the son of Capt. Dennis and Helen Kaszynski. He hopes to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy and become a pilot.



Lt. Col. Heather Barrington of the Highlanders Cadet Squadron has reported to the U.S. Air Force Academy to begin six weeks of basic training.

She received a congressional appointment to the academy from U.S. Senator John Sununu and took her Spaatz test just days before leaving for the academy.

Barrington is the daughter of Brian and Mary Jane Barrington. She graduated from Portsmouth Christian Academy in June. She has been a member of CAP for more than six years and is a past cadet commander of the Highlanders squadron.

Barrington was the 2002 wing encampment cadet commander, 2001 Cadet Leadership Award winner and 2002 New Hampshire Wing Cadet of the Year. This past year, she chaired the New Hampshire Wing Cadet Advisory Council and attended the cadet glider academy in 2002.

Barrington will major in aerospace engineering at the academy and hopes to become a pilot.

*Maj. Penny Hardy*

**NEW JERSEY** — Three cadets from the Walter M. Schirra Composite Squadron soared over northwestern New Jersey in a Schweizer 2-33 sailplane as part of a glider orientation flight kick-off.

After a year of preparation and negotiations, the New Jersey Wing — along with the cooperation of Yards Creek Soaring — launched its first glider-orientation flights.

Orientation pilot Maj. Michael Castania demonstrated the use of the flight controls to the cadets. While discussing the various performance airspeeds necessary in soaring, he pointed out familiar landmarks around the Blairstown area.

The morning weather was ideal for soaring as cadets

Timothy Oliver, William Cummings and Bryan Hagan were towed aloft behind the L-19 towplane to an altitude of 3,000 feet. Along the way, they viewed the Delaware Water Gap and Kittatinny Ridge in the early morning air.

Once at the assigned altitude, the cadets were instructed to pull the release, sending the L-19 on a slow descent to earth. Each flight lasted approximately 30 minutes before Castania entered the traffic pattern for landing.

*Maj. Michael Castania*

**NEW JERSEY** — Approximately 20 members of the Jack Schweiker Composite Squadron participated in the Riverton, N.J., July 4th parade.

Members marched to the orders of Cadet 1st Lt. Andrew Stowell as hundreds of people lined the sidewalks, many saying "thank you" and "good job."

This was the second year the squadron participated in the 106-year-old parade.

This year's participants were: Majs. Dennis Walton and David Mull; Capt. Jennifer Rudolph; 2nd Lts. Mark Friedrich, Marianne Ferland, André Ferland and Scott Juffe; and cadets Andrew Stowell, Sean Miles, Chris Palm, Adam Cathrall, Andrew Borders, Kevin O'Brien, Michael Curran and David Maver.

*2nd Lt. Scott Juffe*

**NEW YORK** — Members of the Rochester Composite Squadron were presented awards at the New York Wing Conference in Owego, N.Y.

The squadron itself was named the 2002 New York Wing Squadron of Merit.

Cadet awards presented were:

- Gen. Billy Mitchell Award — Joseph T. Georgia, Christopher Gerlach, Alexander J. Rossbach, Matthew D. Sanford and Amanda K. Smith;
- Amelia Earhart Award — Ian M. Happell, Kathryn E. Wiczorek and Jennifer Camp;
- Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award — Adam Cucchiara;
- New York Wing NCO of the Year Award — Gerlach; and
- 1st Place Essay Contest — Caleb Irwin.

Also receiving the Mitchell, but unable to attend the conference, were Joseph L. Castrechino, Alex F. Dufault,

Michael P. Peppers, Keith Boarman and Andrew D. Scalzo.

The 2002 national drill team members and adult advisors each received a Certificate of Recognition. Because the drill team is comprised solely of Finger Lakes Group members, they were also awarded a Unit Citation.

Senior members 1st Lt. Michael Happell and Capt. Stephen Mayer received their Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Award.

*1st Lt. Janet E. Nugent*

**NEW YORK** — Five senior members of the Dutchess County Composite Squadron were promoted during a meeting held at Dutchess County Airport, in Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Maj. Gladys Suessle, who presented the promotions, said, "I am extremely proud of our senior members who give so unselfishly of their time to train for various aspects of emergency services, including homeland security."

Promoted to second lieutenant were Patricia Scully and Jon Sheham.

Scully is the squadron's professional development officer. She oversees member training and was recently qualified as an aircrew scanner member. She works at Saint Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., as a health aide.

Sheham is a cadet-orientation pilot and an air traffic controller at Dutchess County Airport.

John Murasso, Dwight Moody and Cliff Kendall were promoted to first lieutenant.

Murasso, a retiree from IBM, is a cadet-orientation pilot and training to be a qualified mission pilot. Moody is the squadron's logistic officer and training for a scanner position. He is retired from IBM and spent 29 years as a photographer in the Air National Guard. He ended his career as a captain. He also served eight years as a pilot and instructor for the U.S. Air Force. As the aerospace education officer, Kendall is training for a position as an aircrew member, and is a semi-retired businessman.



New York Wing units from the Catskill Mountain, South



# HIGHLIGHTS

eastern and New York City groups assisted at the New York State International Airshow, held at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y.

More than 100 cadets and senior members turned out each day for the two-day show, which was held at the Catskill Mountain Group's home airport.

Under the command of Catskill Mountain Group Commander Maj. Lawrence Model, members manned the flight line for perimeter control, provided entrance gate security and supervised the various reserved-seating areas. There was also a roving crisis task force to provide help where needed during the show.

It was the first hot and humid weekend of the summer after many weeks of cool, rainy weather, so many heat- and sun-related illnesses occurred among the crowd.

The wing members were very visible and operated the only radio network in the spectator area, assuring the public received prompt attention for emergencies. Members also helped locate several lost children.

New York State's senior Senator Hon. Chuck Schumer spoke to the crowd about supporting American troops and homeland security. Model briefed the senator on local CAP activities as well as its role in homeland security.

As the U.S. Navy Blue Angels pilots greeted the spectators, a cadre of cadets assisted with crowd control. Cadets were also able to meet with the demonstration team and get autographs.

The senior executive staff included: Capt. William Carroll, operations; Maj. Gladys Suessle, logistics; and 2nd Lt. Anthony Cioffi, communications. The cadet executive staff included: Maj. Seth Model, cadet commander; Col. Jennifer Neville, deputy cadet commander; 2nd Lt. Ian Ahearn, executive officer; and 2nd Lt. Terence Van Hise, communications officer.

*Capt. Kevin Barry*

NEW YORK — Sixty-four cadets, parents and guests attended the Utica Composite Squadron's Fourth Annual Awards Banquet, held at the Roselawn Banquet Facility in New York Mills, N.Y.

Awards presented included:

- Cadet of the Year – Tech. Sgt. Andrew Knoeller;
- Air Force Association

Officer of the Year Award – 1st Lt. Nick Engle; and  
➤ Air Force Sergeants Association Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award – Chief Master Sgt. Nate Roczen.

Certificates were also presented to the cadets who participated in a recent squadron bivouac. Special recognition was given to Engle and his committee, including senior member Capt. Lois Nice, for formulating the event.

Cadet Airman Basic Chris Connell received a First Flight Certificate and Cadet Master Sgt. Tim Perkosky received a certificate for the completion of five powered flights.

A special certificate of appreciation was given to 2nd Lt. Tim Paquette, testing officer and former safety officer, for his outstanding dedication to the squadron.

Additionally, a plaque was presented to Immanuel Baptist Church of New Hartford, N.Y., for allowing the squadron to use the church facilities for weekly meetings.

Special guest speakers were: U.S. Air Force Col. Robert Marr, commander of the Northeast Air Defense Sector in Rome, N.Y.; Lt. Col. Ian Sanderson, New York Air National Guard assistant director of operations; Lt. Col. Steve Perta, New York Wing director of operations; and Maj. Tom Carello, Central New York Group commander.

*1st Lt. Sue Perry*

NEW YORK — More than 300 members attended the 2003 New York Wing Conference.

At the conference, a U.S. Army Reserve commanding general saluted CAP, the wing commander reported a jump in membership, and more than 100 awards were presented to members.

Members gave U.S. Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Bruce Robinson a standing ovation after he saluted wing members for their volunteerism and professionalism.

"You're a bargain!" exclaimed Robinson, commander of the Army Reserve's 98th Division. "Where else can you get a \$10,000 value in services for \$90 an hour – the cost of sending a CAP aircraft on a mission?"

During his state-of-the-wing address, New York Wing Commander Col. Austyn W. Granville Jr. noted wing membership had jumped from 2,514 to 2,737. The growth is causing

squadrons to merge and new ones to form. Some of the nine groups that oversee the wing's 57 squadrons are actually larger than or equal to the size of some other wings.

In the area of emergency services, Granville reported that, in 2002, the wing conducted 113 missions that involved 4,984 hours and 416 people. In the counter-drug program, wing personnel logged 594.1 flight hours in 2002 and identified 1,866 cannabis plants – their street value estimated at \$3.7 million.

Since 1994, New York crews flew 7,662 hours and found 12,499 plants, valued at \$24.9 million – not to mention 2,000 pounds of cocaine valued at \$10 million.

Following his annual report, Granville presented more than 100 awards and commendations to senior members and cadets. Heading the list were the Senior Member of the Year, Capt. Brian W. Benedict of Schenectady Composite Squadron, and Cadet of the Year, Maj. Nathan A. King of Condor Composite Squadron. Likewise, Group of the Year was awarded Catskill Mountain Group, commanded by Maj. (Dr.) Lawrence Model.

Officer of the year awards included: Lt. Col. William W. Hughes Jr. – wing staff; Maj. James W. Anderson III – chaplain; Lt. Col. Janet A. Schachner – moral leadership; Maj. Stanley Skrabut – public affairs; Capt. Joseph T. Minarovich – aerospace educator; 1st Lt. Philip O. Harris – communications; 1st Lt. Pat Berezuk – cadet programs; 1st Lt. Roger B. Smith – safety; Capt. John A. Jones – inspector; and Lt. Col. Jacques J. Heinrich – check pilot.

Other top honors included:

- Cadet NCO of the Year – Senior Master Sgt. Christopher M. Gerlach, Rochester Composite Squadron;
- Outstanding Emergency Services Award – South Eastern Group, commanded by Lt. Col. Ed Giampoli;
- Meritorious Service Award – Capt. Steve Mayer;
- Exceptional Service Award – Lt. Col. Edward Franco; and
- Squadron of Merit – Rochester Composite Squadron.

Granville also presented numerous Gen. Billy Mitchell and Amelia Earhart awards – recognizing the accomplishments made by the wing's cadets. He also presented nearly 75 Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace

Education Awards to senior members furthering their studies in aerospace education.

*1st Lt. Bob Stronach*

PENNSYLVANIA — Cadet 2nd Lt. Katherine M. Finchen received her Gen. Billy Mitchell Award from Pennsylvania State Representative Maureen A. Gingrich at a ceremony held at the Veteran's of Foreign Wars unit located in Lebanon, Pa.

Gingrich commended Finchen for her achievements and spoke to the other cadets and attendees of her great respect for CAP and how impressed she was with the cadet programs.

Finchen is the daughter of Lebanon VFW Cadet Squadron Commander Capt. Donna Finchen and 1st Lt. James Finchen. She is the Pennsylvania Wing Group 2 Cadet



**Pennsylvania State Representative Maureen A. Gingrich presents Cadet 2nd Lt. Katherine M. Finchen with the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.**

Advisory Council chairperson and served as cadet commander of Lebanon squadron from January to June 2003.

Finchen is a 10th-grade student at Northern Lebanon High School in Fredericksburg, Pa., and is listed among the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

*1st Lt. Linda A. Irwin*

PENNSYLVANIA — Western Pennsylvania's Group 1 was asked to participate in a balloon launch for David Hempleman-Adams' trans-Atlantic balloon launch.

Group 1 Commander Lt. Col. Robert Smith was contacted

by Hempleman-Adams' crew to provide assistance with event security.

In addition to providing security, members were asked to help in setting the balloon up for launch. This required a quick response, as the setup was to occur six hours earlier than initially planned.

Members from Allegheny County, Rostraver Eagle and Golden Triangle Composite squadrons, Monroeville Cadet Squadron and group headquarters responded to the call. After members assisted in setting out the balloon, Hempleman-Adams' crew explained how the balloon would be filled and operated.

Unfortunately, due to a change in the weather patterns, Hempleman-Adams fell short of his desired goal, landing in a farmer's field in Massachusetts.

This is the second year the members have been asked to provide support. In September 2002, they were invited to provide security on his first attempt to cross the Atlantic. Upon returning to Pittsburgh after this attempt, he thanked Smith and group members and indicated if he makes a third attempt from the area, he will call on them again.

*Lt. Col. Robert Smith*

PENNSYLVANIA — During a Doylestown Composite Squadron 907 awards ceremony, the Bucks County Commissioners proclaimed June 9, 2003 as "Civil Air Patrol



Squadron 907 Day" throughout Bucks County.

During the ceremony, Michael G. Fitzpatrick, Esq., chairman of Bucks County Commissioners, made the announcement as he presented squadron commander Lt. Col. Carol J. Blinbury with a county flag.

Also during the ceremony, Gen. Billy Mitchell awards were presented to cadet 2nd Lts. Amanda Glantz, Greg Kuleba and Bill Walker. Cadet Commander Dan Samson received his Amelia Earhart Award.

Also attending the ceremony were Lt. Col. Eugene Egry, group commander, and Patricia Devlin, vice group commander.

2nd Lt. Joann M. Cookman

**PENNSYLVANIA** — Ten cadets and five senior members from the Beaver County Composite Squadron attended classroom training at the Community College of Beaver County's Aviation Sciences Center.

The center is adjacent to the Beaver County Airport and the Army National Guard/Reserve armory, where the squadron meets.

Professor Thomas Reese, who is on the faculty at CCBC, presented a seminar on air traffic control. The topics included the seven phases of a flight, centers, sectors, terminal radar approach control and local airport control towers.

Along with a slide show, Reese showed video clips of the behind-the-scenes view of air traffic control. He also gave an overview of the various careers available in the field and the history of Lockheed.

1st Lt. Mary Ellen Stanley

## MIDDLE EAST REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. CHARLES S. GLASS

DELAWARE ★ MARYLAND  
NATIONAL CAPITAL ★ NORTH  
CAROLINA ★ SOUTH CAROLINA  
VIRGINIA ★ WEST VIRGINIA

**MARYLAND** — A total of 23 cadets graduated from the 19th Annual Middle East Region Cadet Leadership School.

Hosted by the 4th Mission

Support Squadron, the school was held at the Chief Master Sgt. James C. Binnicker Airman Leadership School at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

The graduation speaker was former California Wing Cadet U.S. Air Force Maj. C.J. Dieder of the 4th Wing's 333rd Fighter Squadron. Assigned to Air Combat Command, Dieder is an F-15-E Strike Eagle instructor pilot.

Cadet Capt. Grace Stapf of Maryland Wing's Mount Airy Composite Squadron was the school's distinguished graduate, as well as the Communication Award recipient for the best briefing delivered as a public-speaking address.

Other cadets honored at the graduation ceremony included: Chief Master Sgt. Cynthia Jackson of North Carolina Wing — Leadership Award; Chief Master Sgt. Kathryn Chalmers of North Carolina Wing — Drillmaster Award; and Capt. Clifton Pleasant of Virginia Wing — Commandant's Award.

Graduating cadets also included:

- Maryland Wing — Capts. Gregory Groves and Kristen Berry, 2nd Lts. Daniel Meidzinski, Kirsten Baker and Haley Blevins and Tech. Sgt. Joseph Weiler;

- North Carolina Wing — Maj. Zachariah Kovarik, 1st Lt. Colt Freeman, 2nd Lts. Steven Kresch and Leslie Shelton, and Senior Airman Russell Davis;

- South Carolina Wing — 2nd Lt. Elliot Mainor and Staff Sgt. Mia Forbes;

- Virginia Wing — 2nd Lt. Mark Hepperle, 1st Lt. Isaac Needy, Senior Master Sgt. Ian Sturdy, Master Sgt. Rebecca Sargeant and Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Sargeant; and

- West Virginia Wing — Chief Master Sgt. Randy Smith.

Lt. Col. Jim Carr

**MARYLAND** — Twenty-eight members of the Maryland Wing joined more than 215 other regions members at the Middle East Region Search and Rescue College held at Fort Pickett, Va.

Courses offered at the college included training for urban direction finding, ground team member and ground team leader, mission scanner, mission observer, mission pilot, mission staff, mission information officer, flight line marshaller, and critical incident stress management.

"The staff worked hard for several months prior to the activity to ensure a successful outcome," said Maj. John E.

## MARYLAND WING CADET RECEIVES GEN. SPAATZ AWARD



Photo by Maj. Alexandra Calloway

From left, The Spaatz Association President Brig. Gen. Richard Anderson, Cadet Col. John F. Reutemann III, and Reutemann's parents pose for a photo after the cadet received the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award. Reutemann — a member of Maryland Wing's Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron — joined CAP in 1996. The 20-year-old was also selected as the 2003 Middle East Region Cadet of the Year. He is a seminarian at Pope Saint Pius X Seminary, where he is studying philosophy and theology at the University of Scranton, Pa. He aspires to become a Catholic priest and serve as the U.S. Air Force chief of chaplains.

Henderson of Baltimore, the wing's director of current operations and representative at the college.

Six of the 28 members attending the college were cadets.

Maryland Wing members who assisted at the college included:

- Capt. Timothy F. Hahn, wing director of professional development — logistics officer;

- Lt. Col. J. Willard Nalls Jr., Easton Composite Squadron member — logistics and billeting;

- Lt. Col. Robert Ayres, wing search and rescue officer — air operations briefings;

- Lt. Col. James D. Spore, wing aircraft maintenance officer — maintenance officer; and

- Cadet Lt. Col. Michael A. Crockett, wing administrative officer — one of the only cadets on the college staff.

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Six cadets graduated from Maryland Wing's 2003 solo school, with one cadet making school history by scoring 100 percent.

The Maryland Wing cadets

were honored at a wing pinning ceremony after completing the one-week school, at Hagerstown Regional Airport in Hagerstown, Md.

Cadet 2nd Lt. David McConnell of the Frederick Composite Squadron set a record at the 12-year-old school with a 100-percent score on his private pilot's written test.

The other graduating cadets, with scores as high as 97 and 98 on the test, were:

- 2nd Lt. Lydia Tomajko — Glenn L. Martin Composite Squadron;

- 2nd Lt. Sharon Wall — Mount Airy Composite Squadron;

- 2nd Lt. Jared Kleiman — Wicomico Composite Squadron;

- 2nd Lt. Alex Warley — Frederick Composite Squadron; and

- Maj. Joanna Weiss — Harford Composite Squadron — who earned the call-sign nickname "Smoothie" for an unusual ability to make smooth, gentle, "squeaker" landings.

The director of the school was Lt. Col. Robert Ayres of Frederick, Md., wing search and rescue officer. Flight instructors

were Maj. Pete Loewenheim of Hagerstown, wing standardization/evaluation officer, and Maj. Elmer Mooring, who recently relocated to Texas.

Serving on the support staff were Maj. John E. Henderson of Baltimore, wing director of current operations, and Hagerstown squadron members 1st Lt. David Hartung, who was chef for the week, and 1st Lt. Charles Summers, wing assistant counterdrug operations officer. Capt. Timothy F. Hahn of Bowie, wing director of professional development, also assisted.

Another highlight was the appearance of two former solo school graduates. Cadet 2nd Lt. Emily Hudson graduated from the school last year and passed her private pilot practical test this month. Cadet Capt. Patrick Smith graduated from the school two years ago and is now an instrument-rated private pilot studying for his commercial pilot rating.

2nd Lt. Steven Solomon

**NATIONAL CAPITAL** — The Wheaton-Silver Spring Squadron's parade entry was

## VA members in 'dumps,' but certainly not 'down'

VIRGINIA — Members of the Newport News, Hampton Roads, Coastal and Hanover County Composite squadrons responded to one of their more unique — and perhaps more filthy — search and rescue missions.

The team was summoned to track down the signal of an unregistered emergency position indicating radio beacon that was emanating from the Gloucester County Landfill in Gloucester, Va.

Mission pilot 1st Lt. Doug Roberson of the Hampton Roads squadron and observer 1st Lt. John Kunz of the Coastal squadron directed the ground team to the site. The ground crew consisting of Newport News squadron's 1st Lt. Mike Portanova and 1st Lt. Helen Woods further isolated the signal in a two-story-tall mountain of plastic designated for recycling.

After the ground team contacted landfill officials, Russ Elthorp, lead operator at the landfill, was dispatched to assist. Hopeful he had the problem solved, he held up a very large orange EPIRB and asked the ground team, "You looking for this?"

Unfortunately, it was not the EPIRB they were looking for, but the team did offer to take that one off of his hands. Then they directed Elthorp to the pile in question, and he proceeded to separate the debris with a large scooping machine.

As soon as Elthorp began to dig, a second large EPIRB — similar to the first — came tumbling out of the pile. A quick sweep with the portable direction finder confirmed it too was not the offending EPIRB. The team collected that EPIRB as well, and Elthorp continued to dig.

Several scoops later, a wild swing of the direction finder's needle confirmed the offending EPIRB had finally been uncov-



From left, Newport News Composite Squadron Commander 1st Lt. Mike Portanova and Russ Elthorp, Gloucester County Landfill lead operator, observe the dirty job of locating an unregistered emergency position indicating radio beacon in a pile of plastic slated for recycling.

ered. The ground team quickly deactivated the unit, thanked Elthorp for his assistance and returned to base for "decontamination."

All three EPIRB units were tagged "Property of the United States Navy" and placarded with a notice informing the owner to register the unit. The first unit

was still partially active and capable of producing a flashing light and carrier signal, the second was dead, and the third was fully active.

### 1st Lt. Helen Woods

Photo by 1st Lt. Helen Woods

named "best float" by a six-member team of judges in the Bowie, Md., Memorial Day Parade.

There were more than 75 entrants in the parade, and the winners were recognized at the parade and received publicity in local newspapers.

The plane-shaped float was created and constructed by Sr. Mbr. Bill Daugherty. His goal in the one-year building project was to draw attention to CAP's participation in community activities and to inspire a sense of pride in the squadron's cadets.

Both missions were accomplished, according to Col. Charles Suraci, inspector general of the National Capital Wing, as this was the first National Capital Wing squadron to enter a float in a parade.

Squadron commander Col. Charles Roe said, "We are very proud of our squadron mascot jet, and extremely proud of its builder and all the cadets involved."

1st Lt. Denise Richards

SOUTH CAROLINA — The Coastal Charleston Composite Squadron hosted a film crew from

the ABC Network Television show "Switched," where two teenagers switch places in all their normal activities for four days.

One of the squadron's cadets, Capt. Joshua Fugle, switched places with a California teenager, Pepa Latuli, who had never been a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

The Charleston squadron were notified only three days before Latuli would arrive. The squadron was also hosting a statewide search and rescue exercise during the four-day exchange, and Fugle was scheduled to participate as a fully qualified ground-team member. Latuli would now be required to take his place.

Squadron commander Capt. Warren Williams telephoned Maj. Emerson Smith, South Carolina Wing's public affairs officer, on Thursday to inform him of the Saturday visit by the ABC Television Network. Smith then contacted South Carolina Wing Commander Col. Saul Hyman, Middle East Region Commander Col. Charles Glass, National Headquarters Operations Director John Salvador and Public Relations Specialist Melanie LeMay. All agreed to expedite the

membership process and get permission to fly a cameraman in a CAP aircraft.

In the meantime, Williams arranged to get a uniform that would fit Latuli, who was 6' 4" tall, weighed 250 pounds and wore size-15 shoes. After phone calls and a trip to the clothing sales store at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., the task was completed by Friday afternoon. The only problem was that no size-15 boots could be located.

The new cadet, Airman Basic Latuli, knew nothing about any of the activities in which he was about to participate. He arrived in Charleston on Saturday morning with a full ABC camera crew, director and soundman. While the cameras were running, Latuli would be required to complete several CAP duties. First, he put on a CAP battle dress uniform for the first time and then was taught proper CAP radio communications procedures by Capt. Mike Reynolds of the Myrtle Beach Squadron in a mobile communications van. He then was trained in aircraft marshaling by Capt. Chris Peterson, Coastal Charleston Composite Squadron's deputy

commander for cadets. Finally, Latuli took a cadet orientation ride with Capt. Raymond Enlow of the Ridgeland Squadron. The day ended at 3:30 p.m. with Williams presenting Latuli with his First Flight Certificate and a Charleston AFB Military Challenge Coin.

"I wasn't aware of what it meant to be a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol. The orientation ride was the most exciting event of the day. But I enjoyed, most of all, meeting the other cadets and the senior members who made me feel so welcome in Charleston," Latuli said. "I've learned a lot in just one day and hope I can stay active in the Civil Air Patrol when I return to California."

According to Williams, the event was an opportunity to show the world what the CAP is all about. "It also demonstrates how easy it is for a cadet to become a part of a squadron and participate in all activities, including flight in an aircraft," Williams said. "Our squadron is always ready to take on new challenges."

Switched will be aired in late Fall 2003 or early 2004.

Capt. Warren Williams

## GREAT LAKES REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. WILLIAM W. WEBB

ILLINOIS ★ INDIANA  
KENTUCKY ★ MICHIGAN  
OHIO ★ WISCONSIN

INDIANA — Four cadets from the Falcon Composite Squadron were among the 250-plus members who attended the Great Lakes Region Southern Encampment at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

While gaining a greater understanding of CAP and the U.S. Air Force, Airmen 1st Class Jacob Schiller, Kegan Hennessey, Kenny Stock and Airman Larry Brown discovered their own leadership potential, enhanced their interpersonal relationships and honed their time-management skills.

Schiller and Hennessey were chosen from the 205 encampment cadets to be part of the four-member honor guard. Both cadets were rifle bearers and participated in both the pass-in-review and graduation ceremonies.

Their squadron was also named the honor squadron of the week, which was based on room and uniform inspections, test scores and drilling.

Stock was selected as a flag-bearer and carried his squadron's standard during the pass-in-review ceremony.

Sr. Mbr. Deborah J. Hennessey

INDIANA — Cadet 2nd Lt. Mike McMurray was presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award July 4 by the members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

McMurray is the first cadet from the Illinois Valley Composite Squadron to earn the award.

Lt. Col. Richard McSpadden, Thunderbirds commander and leader, and the rest of the Thunderbirds pilots presented McMurray his Mitchell award at the Greater Regional Peoria Airport, where they were performing to benefit the Prairie Aviation Museum and its Challenger Learning Center, which opens Dec. 17 — the 100th anniversary of powered flight.



McMurray has been a key volunteer for the Prairie Airshow for the past five years. He is in charge of a grounds crew that is responsible for setting up and dismantling the show site.

In recognition of McMurray's hard work and dedication to the airshow, Dave Keim, executive director of the Prairie Airshow, arranged for McMurray's milestone award to be presented to him by the Thunderbirds.

A junior at Normal Community West High School, in Normal, Ill., McMurray enjoys flying, survival training, and air and land navigation. He is also a member of the Illinois Wing Drill Team, which won the Great Lakes Region competition this spring.

Currently, McMurray is a flight commander and hopes to join the U.S. Air Force to be a jet mechanic. He told McSpadden he would like to earn the privilege of being the Thunderbirds' crew chief for No. 5. He said there is something about "always being upside down."

*Capt. Mark McMurray*

INDIANA — Current and future squadron commanders from Indiana and Ohio attended the Indiana Wing Unit Commanders Course in Shelbyville, Ind.

Maj. Mark Webb, Indiana Wing's professional development officer, directed the course with the assistance of other former squadron commanders, including Lt. Col. Mark Ashcraft, Maj. Rick Oelze and Capt. Norm Chance.

Graduates of the course learned new squadron commander skills, and openly shared ideas and solutions to problems. Class graduates were Capt. Kris Copes, Jeremy Reynolds and Troy Unsicker, 1st Lt. Ken Reynolds, Sr. Mbr. Chris Rust and Ohio Wing's Lt. Col. Walter Murphy.

*Capt. Jeremy Reynolds*

ILLINOIS — Members of Illinois Wing's staff and the Group 22 squadrons cooperated in a successful electronic locator transmitter find in rural northern Illinois July 15.

The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., contacted McHenry County Composite Squadron Commander Capt. Rhonda Anderson regarding an active ELT west of Crystal Lake, Ill.

Maj. Robert Taylor, Illinois

Wing emergency services officer, was the ground team leader. Joining the ground team were: 1st Lt. David Picek and cadets Ryan Sherman and Daniel Speer of the Lake-in-the-Hills Composite Squadron; Capt. Chuck Best, the Illinois Wing ground operations training officer; and Sr. Mbr. Jason Klein of the McHenry squadron, who also assisted Anderson with the initial airport calls.

Meanwhile, pilots Lt. Col. Lou Wipotnik and Capt. John Mitchell of the Palwaukee Senior Squadron took the call from Anderson and launched the squadron's C172s at 11p.m., picking up the ELT signal less than an hour later in a rural area south of Union, Ill.

The aircrew quickly pinpointed the location of the ELT and advised the ground team. The coordination of the ground team and aircrew saved the ground team a great deal of time that would have been spent driving rural roads and fields while trying to pinpoint the signal.

Anderson contacted the McHenry County sheriff, who responded with a unit to the scene. The ELT was in a cloth-covered homebuilt aircraft that was housed in a barn. It was silenced at 3 a.m.

A Find Ribbon was awarded to all who participated in the search.

*Capt. Rhonda Anderson*

KANSAS — More than 100 Kansas Wing members participated in the bi-annual graded search and rescue exercise at Camp Alexander in Emporia, Kan.

Training exercises were categorized into mission base staff, communications staff, ground team and aircrews.

All five of the wing's aircraft were used in the seven sorties flown. Five ground teams were deployed on eight different missions, with as many as three missions taking place at the same time.

The U.S. Air Force team created mission scenarios that often included unexpected twists. For example, on an electronic locator transmitter search, "armed drug traffickers" confronted one ground team. In another instance, mission base staff dealt with a "distracted mother" who attempted to trick them into contacting her child whom had been removed from her by the courts and placed in protective custody.

The evaluation team

announced an "excellent" overall grade for the SAREX. Key wing mission personnel included: Williams; Lt. Col. John Schmidt, safety officer; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Wolesky; Lt. Col. Chet Peterson, operations section chief; Lt. Col. Neil Tremayne, air branch director; Lt. Col. Dominick Italiano, ground branch director; Lt. Col. Earl Wuertz, planning section chief and Capt. Ron Schlesener, resources unit leader.

The U.S. Air Force evaluation team consisted of team chief Maj. Mike Pederson and team members Lt. Cols. Ken Kassen and Brian Blake, Capt. Pete Jensen and Master Sgt. Craig Remsburg.



The Kansas Wing held its annual conference at the Kansas Regional National Guard Training Site in Salina, Kan.

Kansas Wing Commander Col. George Boyd welcomed the attendees and reminded them the wing's mission is accomplished at the squadron level.

Honored guests included Lt. Col. Larry Brockhus, North Central Liaison Region commander, and his staff, former wing commanders Col. Tim Hansen, Col. Jerome Hanson and Col. Burgess Rennels. Col. Boyd then presented retired U.S. Air Force Col. Dave Shunk, state liaison director, and retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Ray McMann, deputy state liaison director, with a Certificate of Appreciation for their outstanding service to the Kansas Wing.

Members attended presentations on aerospace education, disaster relief, homeland security and public affairs. A small number of sessions were cancelled because the presenters were in the field assisting Kansas tornado victims from the week before.

The keynote speaker for the reception and banquet was CAP National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Dwight Wheless. He outlined the challenges of the future brought on by accelerating technology, the events of Sept. 11 and CAP's evolving role in the U.S. Air Force's new Homeland Security Division. Perhaps the most enthusiastic response of the conference was brought on by the Wheless' announcement the Kansas Wing was "at the top of the list" to receive one of the gliders released to CAP by the Air Force Academy.

Kansas Wing squadron

awards presented were:

- Safety Squadron of the Year – Topeka Eagle Composite Squadron;

- Squadron of the Year – New Century Composite Squadron; and

- Squadron of Merit – New Century Composite Squadron.

Cadet awards presented were:

- Cadet of the Year – Cadet Nicholas M. Carvan;

- Air Force Torch Award – Carvan;

- Cadet Officer of the Year – Cadet Christopher B. Grissom;

- Air Force Association Award – Cadets Grissom, Derek S. Montgomery and Matt J. D. Vogt;

- Cadet NCO of the Year – Cadet Patrick L. Renfro;

- U.S. Air Force Sergeants Association Award – Cadets Justin P. Wieszork and Renfro;

- Commander's Commendation Award – Carvan, Capt. Nichole M. Crocker and Montgomery, and Renfro; and
- Meritorious Service Award – Vogt.

Senior awards presented included:

- Senior of the Year – Capt. Ronald Schlesener;

- Air Force Torch Award Mentor – Lt. Col. John L. Marek;

- Chaplain of the Year – Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jack T. Vaughn;

- Squadron Commander of the Year – Capt. Craig Bradley;

- Grover Loening Award – Lt. Cols. Bernard F. King and John R. Schmidt, and Maj. Kevin D. Myers;

- Paul E. Garber Award – Lt. Cols. King and Schmidt, Maj. Regena M. Aye, Andrew S. Berry and Samuel M. Gardner; and

- Gill Robb Wilson Award – Lt. Col. Robert A. Adams.

Senior officer of the year awardees were: Capt. Jerrol Bahner – safety; Maj. Ronald T. Behm – recruiting; Lt. Col. James M. Moss – communications; Capt. Phillip H. Aye – aerospace; Lt. Col. Elaine K. Hoch – cadet programs; and 2nd Lt. Mark P. Schock – public affairs.

*2nd Lt. Mark Schock*

OHIO — Members of the Tri-County Senior Squadron of Cincinnati, Ohio, had the opportunity to support an airshow that featured aviation legend Neil Armstrong.

The squadron is asked annually to marshal the flight line at Butler County Regional Airport for the Federal Aviation Administration's Wings Week-end.

More than 100 pilots attended the event, which ended in a banquet featuring retired astronaut Neil Armstrong. CAP members and aviation enthusiasts packed the room to listen to the first man who ever set foot on the moon speak. The event was made even more special by coinciding with the 100th anniversary of powered flight.

Paul Poberezny, founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association, also was an honored guest.

*Capt. Kelly K. Knox*

WISCONSIN — Cadets of the La Crosse Composite Squadron assisted at the sixth annual Deke Slayton Airfest, held at the La Crosse Municipal Airport in La Crosse, Wis.

While helping at the air show, 13 cadets and one visiting cadet from New Jersey had an opportunity to get up close and personal with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and their F/A-18 Hornets.

The cadets performed crowd control and helped move aircraft to their static display locations.

Saturday's record-setting crowd of 17,000 was followed on Sunday by another 11,000.

The airshow performers, Airfest board members, the general public and even Federal Aviation Administration personnel complimented the cadets' service.

In addition, the La Crosse Composite Squadron Color Guard presented the colors each morning. Color guard members were color guard commander Staff Sgt. Alison Schneller, U.S. flag bearer; Chief Master Sgt. Ryan Brummet, Wisconsin flag bearer; Chief Master Sgt. Brandon Arenz, CAP flag bearer; and riflemen Senior Master Sgt. Brad Byington and Senior Airman Chris Hampson.

Other participating cadets included: Maj. Mikael R. Asfoor, Staff Sgt. Nick J. Deml, Cadet Basics Levi A. Phelps, Christian M. Medema, Christopher D. Stalzer, Darrel M. Gilbertson, Ryan Swieter, Robbie Swieter, Bryan W. Elliot and Christopher D. Hampson, and 2nd Lt. Jon Standley from New Jersey Wing's Raritan Valley Composite Squadron.

*1st Lt. Jim Hobelsberger*

## SOUTH-EAST REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. ANTONIO J. PINEDA

ALABAMA ★ FLORIDA ★  
GEORGIA ★ MISSISSIPPI ★  
PUERTO RICO ★ TENNESSEE

ALABAMA — Lauren Emerson, a senior member of the Alabama Wing Headquarters, graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She received a bachelor of science degree in the humanities with a minor in German and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.



Air Force  
2nd Lt. Lauren  
Emerson

Lauren is scheduled to attend space training in October at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. She is

currently assigned to the 392nd Training Squadron at Vandenberg and works at the 30th Operations Group.

Emerson joined CAP as a cadet in 1993.

*Lt. Col. Joan F. Emerson*

FLORIDA — The 2003 Florida Wing Summer Encampment was held at Camp Blanding, a Florida National Guard training facility in North-east Florida.

More than 280 people attended the event — 210 first-time cadets, 37 cadet staff and 35 senior members.

Upon check-in, the cadets were introduced to the military lifestyle by being assigned to flights and bunking in a 48-person open-bay barracks. The morning wake-up call was at 6 a.m., followed by exercises and a mile run — a regimen continued through the week. Likewise, the cadets practiced drill and participated in volleyball games every evening.

Cadets tested their abilities as individuals and teams. They ran through a confidence course, which consisted of many obstacles that required strength

and endurance to complete. There was also a teamwork-building day as cadets tackled the leadership reaction course. There were seven different stations, each with different scenarios that had to be completed with limited time and equipment. In addition, more than 250 people went rappelling, made possible by the base's special forces unit and youth challenge organization.

The end of the week was focused on formality, including uniform inspections, a 100-question written exam, drill competitions and a barracks stand-by inspection by the encampment commander.

At Friday's banquet, many cadet and senior members were recognized for their contributions to the encampment.

According to Florida Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Wes Hannah and the Florida Wing Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Bill Brockman, the Saturday morning cleanup drill and pass-review was an impressive site.

After months of planning, the encampment's cadet commander, Cadet Lt. Col. Paul Cheval, was allowed only one day to bask in his success. The following Monday he reported to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

*Capt. Patrick O'Key*

FLORIDA — Cadet members of Florida Wing's Group 9 participated in a drill and ceremonies training event the first weekend of August at the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 46 in Cocoa, Fla.

The event covered topics such as U.S. flag ceremonies, color and honor guard formations, formations for distinguished guests, and verbal commands from the commanding officer.

Members from Lake, Orange and Volusia counties participated in the event, which Lake Composite Squadron Commander Lt. Col. David Mosley organized. Cadets received one-on-one training from Cadet Maj. Ashlei Hamada and Cadet Capt. Matthew Becker, with formation details covered by Cadet 2nd Lt. Brent Van Besien. Cadets learned details regarding standard formations of four or five people, as well as ceremonial guard formations, which can involve more than 60.

Two dress presentations were performed on Saturday for members of the Flotilla 46, who have allowed Group Nine —

which covers Central Florida — to use their facilities for training on more than one occasion. This provides a low-cost alternative to cadets and senior members.

*Sr. Mbr. Anthony Gorss*

FLORIDA — More than 60 cadet members — ranging in age from 12 to 18 — were flown by experienced CAP pilots during Cadet Fly Day at Clearwater Airpark, in Clearwater, Fla.

"It was our most successful Fly Day event ever," stated Group 8 Deputy Commander 1st Lt. Lee Vogt. "We had 10 CAP aircraft on the field from across the Florida Wing, as well as more than 20 pilots who flew a record-number of cadets."

The Group 8 Fly Day operations, headed by Oakhurst Composite Squadron Commander 1st Lt. Guy Van Asten, has quickly become a blueprint for success that other squadrons are using for their own airborne events.

"It's truly a team effort," said Van Asten. "Each member of the Fly Day staff played a critical role in ensuring a successful Fly Day event."

There were more than 100 people to feed and keep cool in Florida's July heat. Also, a registered nurse and paramedic from Group 8 squadrons comprised the medical team and reported only one slight injury related to a jammed aircraft seat release. "Safety is the most important aspect of Fly Day," added Vogt. "It overshadows each component of the entire operation."

Group 8 conducts the event every two months. The next Fly Day is scheduled to take place in September.

*Sr. Mbr. Terrance P. Power*

FLORIDA — Cadet Airman 1st Class Heather Fellman of the Northside Christian School Cadet Squadron had a rare opportunity to participate in a color guard ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Having first obtained special permission to wear her uniform in the capitol, Fellman was allowed to place the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as her classmates and onlookers watched.

Fellman, squadron cadet safety officer, joined the squadron color guard as soon as it began forming and has performed at many functions, including Tampa Bay Devil Ray's baseball games and the internationally televised St. Petersburg Grand Prix. She

received her training from the unit's color guard commander, Cadet Master Sgt. Mikell Admire, who was trained by the honor guard at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Fellman is the squadron's second cadet to have this special honor at Arlington. Last year, Cadet Lesley Goldston was granted the privilege. The squadron hopes to make it a tradition among its cadets.



Cadet 2nd Lt. Brandon Vezina attended the Aerospace Education Academy, held at Whitman Airport in Oshkosh, Wis.

The young AE fans spent a great deal of time in the classroom learning such things as weather conditions and global positioning system navigation.

The most enjoyable activities, according to Vezina, were the "hands-on" lessons. Cadets riveted metal, built and launched model rockets, applied fabric to a real airplane wing, and built a wing rib. Each cadet was given a powered orientation flight and also had the opportunity to leave the ground in a hot air balloon.

Team building was also encouraged as the students participated in volleyball games, a trivia contest and high-wire climbing. When asked what his favorite experience was, Cadet Vezina said: "The aerospace museum was just unbelievable!"

*1st Lt. Raya Vezina*

FLORIDA — Cadet Capt. Kyle Gauthier of Florida Wing's Treasure Coast Composite Squadron became the fifth recipient of the Col. Richard L. Leali Sr. Leadership Award.

Gauthier was recognized by the 2003 Camp Blanding Cadet Executive Staff for his superior performance in the duty position of cadet squadron commander at the 2003 Florida Wing Camp Blanding Summer Encampment.

The award is named in honor of Col. Richard L. Leali Sr., a former Florida Wing CAP cadet and Florida Wing commander from 1977 to 1981, and was established in 1998 to recognize outstanding cadet leadership at Florida Wing encampments. Gauthier was presented the award by Cadet Lt. Col. Paul Cheval, encampment cadet commander, during

the graduation pass-in-review ceremony.

*Capt. Dave Leali*

GEORGIA — Georgia Wing cadets participated in the Organization of Black Airline Pilots/Delta Dream flight trip to Washington, D.C., in July.

OBAP and Delta Airlines sponsor an Aviation Career Education Camp every summer in order to introduce young adults to careers in aviation.

Every year, the camp includes a Delta Airlines-sponsored trip to a special location. This year, the trip was to Washington and included a tour of the National Air and Space Museum. OBAP invited 23 cadets and two senior member escorts. The cadets flew out of Atlanta Hartsfield Airport aboard a Delta Boeing 757 jet, and were able to talk to the pilots in the cockpit.

Georgia units represented were Fulton, Walton County, Winder, Peachtree City, Rome, Cobb, and Gwinnett Composite squadrons, as well as Sweetwater Creek, Sandy Springs, Dekalb, and Griffin Cadet squadrons.

*Capt. Mike Bell*

PUERTO RICO — A senior member of the Lajas High School Cadet Squadron graduated from the Army Reserve Drill Sergeant School at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

Maj. Julio A. Chacon, a 16-year veteran of CAP, was one of the first four drill sergeants from Puerto Rico to attend this prestigious U.S. Army program.

Chacon is a U.S. Army Reserve staff sergeant, a customs inspector with the U.S. Customs Service, and a firearms and defensive tactics instructor.

As a drill sergeant, Chacon supports the Puerto Rico Army Language Center at Fort Allen, Puerto Training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

*Maj. Santos Mercado*



Maj. Julio A. Chacon

TENNESSEE — Cadets from five states attended the Tennessee Wing

Encampment, at Catoosa Army Training Base, in Ringgold, Ga.

Fourteen senior members volunteered all week to make the encampment a success for the 127 cadets from Georgia, Texas, Kentucky, Florida and Tennessee. Also assisting was Tennessee Director of Cadet



Programs Lt. Col. Montille Warren.

Encampment commander Lt. Col. Bronce Fitzgerald of Oak Ridge Composite Squadron and deputy commander Capt. Wanda Myers of Henry County Composite Squadron were very pleased with the camp's facilities.

The encampment is usually held at Fort Campbell, K.Y., but because of the past year's military activities, a new location was necessary.

The cadets received hands-on instruction with the M16 and M4 rifles, including gun safety, and rifle breakdown and reassembly. A UH-60 Black Hawk was flown in, and the cadets got a close-up look in the cockpit. Maj. Gill Lewis, a U.S. Air Force Academy recruiter and former CAP cadet, discussed preparation information for admission into the academy.

The cadets accomplished an all-day three-mile hike that covered the tank firing range, the 600-meter sniper range, and the rifle and pistol range.

Cadet Commandant Lt. Col. Jeff Clark challenged the flights to create an innovative drill that would be judged before the week ended. The award was presented to an all-female flight. The Best Noncommissioned Officer Award was presented to Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Celeste Brewer. Cadet Lt. Col. David Brown received the Outstanding Officer Award, and the Commandant's Award was awarded to Cadet 1st Lt. Cory Tuttle.

*Capt. Wanda Myers*

## NORTH CENTRAL REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. REX E. GLASGOW

IOWA ★ KANSAS  
MINNESOTA ★ MISSOURI  
NEBRASKA ★ NORTH DAKOTA  
SOUTH DAKOTA

KANSAS — Cadets from the New Century, Emporia and Shawnee Mission Composite squadrons took part in 33 glider and nine powered orientation flights during Wings over Kansas July 14-20.

The contribution of each

senior member, strong working association with the KC Eagles Soaring Club and use of their tow plane made the week with Wings over Kansas possible.

Capt. Dennis Bruna is a Federal Aviation Administration-rated flight instructor with advanced turbo prop, instrument and glider certification. He is also a cadet orientation flight pilot, and enjoys sharing his love of aviation with cadets. Bruna is employed as an avionics specialist with American Airlines. This summer he committed a week's vacation to Kansas Wing's cadet glider orientation flights.

Glider flights require tows to an altitude of 3,000 feet, and Capt. Darrell "Doc" Weaver flew 33 of them. Weaver is a U. S. Navy-trained helicopter pilot and retired 14,000-hour TWA 767 and MD-80 captain. Capt. Bob Wormington and Maj. Leo Handzik split the four days of powered orientation flights.

The Kansas Wing requires a glider site officer on the ground for cadet safety during orientation flights. Glider site officers for the week were: 2nd Lt. Andy Hambleton and Maj. Ronald Behm and Craig Scott — New Century; Capt. Philip Aye and Ronald Schlesener — Emporia; and 2nd Lt. James Barker — Shawnee Mission. The KC Eagles Soaring Club President James Brewster attended on six flight days.

The 18 cadets who received First Glider Certificates were:

- New Century — Peter Pfau, Neil Pfau, Bradley Schlitzer, Heather Scott, Daniel Metcalf, Zach Ryder, Britnay Seitz and Garret Kohl;
- Emporia — Cheyenne Smith, Tiffany Tatman, Christina Rarick, Derek Montgomery, William Haynes and Michael Lauppe Brandon Jackson; and
- Shawnee Mission — Tim Thorton, Richard Neville, Erin Wills, Kyle Bricker and Reece Fauser.



New Century Composite Squadron members supported their airport neighbors, the Heart of America Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, at its fourth annual air show and open house at New Century Air Center, in Olathe, Kan.

Braving temperatures of more than 100 degrees for two days, they assisted by controlling airport access and directing visitor parking. Members also maintained an information table, where their recruitment efforts

turned up several prospective new members.

Participating cadets included Nathan Scalia, Britnay Seitz, Peter Pfau, Daniel Metcalf, Neil Pfau, Tyler Jenkins, Kyle Wacker, Zach Ryder and Bradley Schlitzer. Senior member advisors were Lt. Cols. John Marek and Dominick Italiano, Maj. Ronald Behm, Capt. Kevin Orr, 2nd Lt. Donald Kaltenbach, and Sr. Mbrs. Gale Jenkins and Andy Hambleton.

The CAF is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the preservation of U.S. World War II combat planes and providing museum buildings to protect and display the aircraft. Warbirds on display included a P-51 Mustang, T28, AT6, BT13, PT19, L2 and a Japanese Zero from the movie "Tora! Tora! Tora!" The show had band performances, military vehicles, reenactors and displays. To read more about the CAF or find a local wing, go to

[www.commemorativeairforce.com](http://www.commemorativeairforce.com).

*Maj. Ronald Behm*

MINNESOTA — Cadets from the Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota wings attended the Minnesota Wing Flight Academy July 12-

19 at the Mankato Airport, in Mankato, Minn.

The 27 powered aircraft students and 13 glider students were supported by a ground staff of 10 senior members, an instructor corps of 21 seniors and three tow pilots.

The academy set an active pace during the week with the gliders logging approximately 500 sorties and the aircraft flying more than 560 hours.

The 27 powered cadets all earned their pre-solo qualification wings, and 24 of them earned their solo wings. The 13 glider cadets also achieved their supervised solo wings, and eight of them met the requirements for their solo flight in a glider. To round out their week, the cadets also completed a total of 15 hours of ground school.

During the graduation ceremony, flight academy commander Capt. Michael Hartell stated he was pleased with the cadets' hard work and their success. He also thanked the senior staff, instructor corps and members of the U.S. Air Force Reserve who "tirelessly worked and unselfishly gave up a week of their vacation to make the flight academy so successful."

*Maj. Carl Hallum*

MINNESOTA — Members of the Crow Wing Composite Squadron assisted at the Minnesota Seaplane Association's 2003 Safety Seminar, at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, in Deerwood, Minn.

"I can't remember how often MSPA members have thanked me over the years for having CAP members at the safety seminar," said Minnesota Wing Project Coordinator Capt. Rick Koop.

Squadron members were on hand to assist pilots park their seaplanes, ferry pilots and passengers to the resort, and provide ground transportation. CAP officers also manned watercraft in the event of an emergency, such as a capsized seaplane. Fortunately, emergency services were not necessary.

Koop, who has participated annually since 1996, and Lt. Col. Richard Upton commanded the flight line teams. Other senior members who assisted were: 1st Lt. Norv Pervier — project safety officer; 1st Lts. Bill Bernard and Mike Owen — watercraft and rescue operations; Maj. Howard Pihlaja — training; and squadron

## IOWA WING MEMBERS SUPPORT 'FLY IOWA'



Cadet Senior Airman Daniel Higginbotham of the East Iowa Cadet Squadron marshals aircraft on the flight line during the 12th annual "Fly Iowa" aviation fair in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. More than 24 Iowa Wing members representing squadrons from Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Washington and Waterloo performed flight line duties for two days during the event, which featured static displays and demonstration flights of military, home-built and aerobatic aircraft and helicopters. Approximately 15,000 spectators attended.

Photo By 1st Lt. Bruce Tiemann

# HIGHLIGHTS

commander Capt. Beth Pfingsten – quality assurance and operational safety. 1st Lt. Arika Thiede assembled and coordinated the cadet teams that parked seaplanes. Lt. Jack Huber was responsible for communications, and provided radio and antenna equipment for the on-scene air traffic controller.

Cadet members of the team – and arguably the hardest working people of the detail – were: Maj. Jacob Heffron; Capt. Martha Jensen; 2nd Lt. Lanessa Bastian; Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Jensen; Master Sgt. Craig Nguyen; Sgt. Sarah Pfingsten; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Kallenbach and Benjamin Allen; and Airmen Basics Russell Chamberlain, Ryan LaPlant and Derek LaPlant.

*Capt. Rick Koop*

MISSOURI — Vanguard Cadet Squadron members participated in Missouri Wing's display during the Wings Over Whiteman Air Show at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., June 14-15.

More than 112,000 people attended throughout the weekend, and the wing had their communications van on display, as well as a promotional/recruitment booth.

Maj. Brad Sanker set up the communications van and, as the wing drug demand reduction officer, provided promotional CAP Drug Demand Reduction water bottles for potential new cadets.

Chief Master Sgt. Arthur R. Buck set up and manned the recruitment booth with the help of cadets Chief Master Sgt. Chris Buck, Tech. Sgt. Anna Koons, Staff Sgt. Cody Torrence, Airmen 1st Class Tiara Carr and Travis Colster, Senior Airman Carla James, and Airmen James Brister and Markis Hiatt.

Cadets briefed potential senior members and cadets regarding CAP, while giving them water bottles and posters. Several cadets also had the opportunity to use "Cadet Ken" – a 10-foot blow-up figure of a CAP cadet. "Cadet Ken" spent both days greeting people and providing opportunities for the air show attendees to have their picture taken with him.

*Chief Master Sgt. Arthur Buck*

NEBRASKA — The North Central Region Cadet Encampment was held at Camp Ashland, in Ashland, Neb., June 14-21, with 151 cadets and senior members

in attendance.

The cadets – of whom 114 were first-time encampment attendees – represented all seven states in the region, and included one from Ohio.

Under the direction of encampment commander Lt. Col. Michael Thomas of the 99th Pursuit Composite Squadron and cadet commander Cadet Lt. Col. Cale Marxsen of the Lincoln Composite Squadron, the encampment included all required curriculum. Important elements included emergency services, leadership, drill and ceremonies, customs and courtesies, the U.S. Air Force structure and mission, cadet programs, character development, physical fitness, and creative thinking.

Because this year marks the Centennial of Flight, special emphasis was placed on aviation and aerospace education throughout the encampment.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Doug Rodgers from Stratcom taught a class on aerospace power and gave a required briefing on Air Force structure and missions. Also, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Adams shared his experiences as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the all-black group of fighter pilots who became famous for their success in combat missions in Europe and North Africa during World War II.

J. Kennedy Costello III gave glider ground school instruction, and CAP Capt. Thomas Pflug taught cadets how to build and fly small foam gliders.

Physical training was also a key component throughout encampment. Rappelling proved to be popular, as did each evening's recreational activities, such as ultimate frisbee, kickball, volleyball, canoe racing and swimming.

For many, the highlight of encampment was the opportunity to go for a ride on one of two Blackhawk helicopters flown into Camp Ashland on the last full day of the encampment. The Nebraska Air National Guard helicopters flew to Camp Ashland to provide military orientation rides to approximately 150 members in a three-hour time period.

Special recognition was given to the following encampment participants:

➤ Kansas – Airman Britnay Seitz, Alpha Flight Honor Cadet;

➤ Minnesota – Master

Sgt. Craig Nguyen, Foxtrot Honor Flight; Airman Jeremy Franzwa, Outstanding Cadet;

➤ Missouri – Chief Master Sgt. Bradley Latham, Delta Flight Honor Cadet; Col. Robert Lowery III, Outstanding Cadet Staff Member;

➤ Nebraska – 1st Lt. Kathryn Hubbell, Outstanding Senior Staff Member; Capt. Robert Harper, Outstanding TAC Officer; Master Sgt. Leslie Dean, Cadet Logistics Officer; Senior Master Sgt. Lauren Tweedt, Most Improved Cadet; Cadet 2nd Lt. Nicholas Klein, Outstanding Flight Commander; Tech. Sgt. Amy Hamburger, Bravo Flight Honor Cadet; Airman Brandon Jancik, Charlie Flight Honor Cadet; and Senior Master Sgt. Eric Tweedt, Echo Flight Honor Cadet.

Certificates of Recognition for Outstanding Service were awarded to 1st Lt. Fred Montgomery, 99th Pursuit Composite Squadron, Neb., for his tireless efforts as medical officer, and to Chaplain (Capt.) Arlan Rolfsen of Douglas County Cadet Squadron, Neb., for his ministry throughout the activity.

*1st Lt. Kathryn Hubbell & Maj. Carol Marxsen*

SOUTH DAKOTA — More than 130 students and training staff from 10 wings converged on Camp Rapid National Guard Base, S.D., for eight days of intense search and rescue training at the 2003 Joint Dakota Emergency Services Encampment.

This year's training encampment focused on preparing the cadets to function effectively as members of a search and rescue ground team by presenting constant challenges, and teaching teamwork and integrity.

Based on the cadets' emergency services knowledge and skill level, both advanced and basic tracks were offered. Hands-on classes included problem solving, conflict resolution, land navigation, first aid, CPR, radio communication and securing a crash site. Also part of the activities were special tours to Mount Rushmore and the B-1 bombers at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

The encampment concluded with an early morning, five-hour search and rescue exercise to demonstrate emergency search and rescue tactics learned during the eight-day encampment.

*1st Lt. Michael R. Odle*

## SOUTHWEST REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. THOMAS L. TODD

ARIZONA ★ ARKANSAS  
LOUISIANA ★ NEW MEXICO  
OKLAHOMA ★ TEXAS

ARIZONA — Fifty-seven basic cadets and 12 cadet staff completed the 2003 Arizona Wing Summer Encampment.

The cadet staff members were led by cadets Capt. Jason Mueller and 2nd Lt. Cheldon Hallett, while Lt. Col. Lawrence Scheer and 2nd Lt. Mark Hallett led the senior members.

Along with the classroom and drill instruction, the Arizona Wing prided itself in flying 56 cadets on orientation flights – using eight corporate and two private aircraft. Each aircraft flew four sorties, manned by two alternating pilots. Group III Commander Maj. Ron Fett and Lt. Col. Scott Curtis orchestrated the flight schedule.

Cadets and senior staff members gathered to brainstorm, discussing goals and visions. They also created and implemented a mission statement for the 2003 encampment. After the pass-in-review, the encampment ended with a dining-out at Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Ariz. Arizona Wing Commander John Varljen, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Philip Breedlove and retired U.S. Air

Force Lt. Col. Michael Holm were special guests.

*Capt. Michael Hoza & 1st Lt. Lynn Hoza*

ARIZONA — Cadets 2nd Lts. Andre Wright and Tanner Morgan were recently presented with the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award by Arizona Wing Commander Col. John Varljen.

Both cadets are members of Arizona Wing's Payson Cadet Squadron and the squadron's color guard.

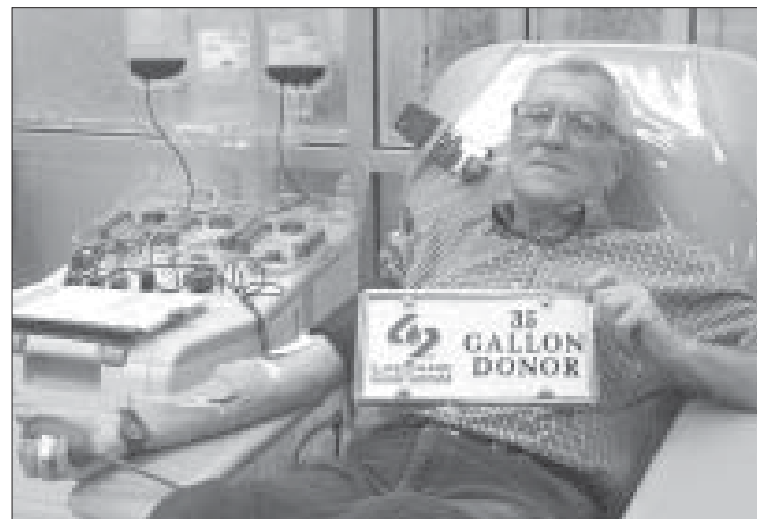
Andre Wright graduated from high school this year and joined the U.S. Navy. He entered with the advanced rank of E-3. His main interest is to become an avionics technician. Tanner Morgan is a senior in high school this year, and he is a valued member of the cross-country track team.

Cadet Maj. Kevin Murphy was the master of ceremonies for the event, which was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Payson, Ariz. During the ceremony, Varljen talked about Mitchell's background, and Payson's Chief of Police Gordon Gartner and Police Sergeant Rod Manero expressed their admiration for the cadet program and the achievements of the two young men.

*Maj. Patricia Brower*

LOUISIANA — Lt. Col. Budd Adams, Capt. Ben Broussard and Capt. Henry Carter of Louisiana Wing's Shreveport Senior Squadron have helped save lives within America's borders by giving blood components via apheresis on a regular basis.

CAP members are well aware of the sacrifices each volunteer gives, but there are



Capt. Henry Carter of Louisiana Wing's Shreveport Senior Squadron gives his 280th donation of blood and receives his 35-gallon commemorative license plate, setting his sites on 40 gallons.

Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary V. Smith



Photo by: Maj. Charles Newcomb



Left, Sr. Mbr. Dana Reese and Capt. Mike Dillard ride during a training exercise, marking the first use of ground teams on horseback in the Oklahoma Wing.

those who give of themselves in other ways – those who give a healthy part of their body so others may live.

According to a spokesperson at LifeShare Blood Centers in Shreveport, La., apheresis is the separation of the blood components, collecting one or more of those components and returning the remainder to the donor. Donating platelets helps people undergoing treatment for serious health problems like leukemia, cancer and aplastic anemia. The platelet transfusions they receive can mean the difference between life and death.

Adams donates blood plasma every 28 days, which is the maximum allowed for plasma donations. When asked his reason for regular monthly donation, Adams' reply was, "I do it as payback. I feel I owe my fellow man because I have been blessed with good health." Adams reached a milestone at the local blood center by supplying his 280th donation of blood, making 35 gallons donated in his lifetime.

The apheresis process generally takes 30-60 minutes. Plasma contains the clotting factors, which helps the platelets continue the clotting process, and is used to help burn victims, hemophiliacs and patients with certain blood disorders. Adams, a Louisiana Wing pilot is also a volunteer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. He is also an avid snow skier.

Broussard donates both platelets and plasma, and recently gave his 97th donation.

A donor since 1969, he was asked to try apheresis donation about three years ago.

He has been doing it ever since. Broussard is a certified flight instructor and a balloon pilot.

Carter donates platelets and plasma on a regular basis – two or three times a month or about 24 to 36 donations a year. Carter has donated 280 times; that is 35 gallons of blood products. That number has the possibility of saving the lives of 280 people.

Carter's first donation was in 1950, when his flight instructor's father needed blood. Later, he began participating in his church's regular blood drives. "I have talked to people who have had to receive blood, and they are thankful for donors," said Carter. "Being one of the donors makes you feel good."

According to Carter, his goal is to make the 40-gallon mark. Carter was awarded a prized license plate from the blood center, depicting his accomplishment. He is a wing pilot and the maintenance officer for his squadron.

2nd Lt. Mary V. Smith

OKLAHOMA — The Oklahoma Wing held a training exercise for its newly deployed horse-mounted ground team.

Sent out to look for a missing person – a dummy known to Oklahoma Wing members as "Parachute Pete" – they located the target within minutes.

Capt. Mike Dillard of the Oklahoma City Composite Squadron and Sr. Mbr. Dana Reese of the Enid Composite Squadron volunteered their 20-year-old horses for the exercise. Dillard said he and Reese searched an area in less than half the time it took another team to cover the same ground on

foot. Because of their height above the ground, mounted searchers can ride much farther apart during a search.

"We can do anything a ground team can do – and do it faster," Dillard said.

Dillard believes mounted troops could also be useful in electronic locator transmitter searches. Equipped with direction-finding equipment, ground team members on horseback could triangulate an ELT signal more quickly than one on foot or in a vehicle. Likewise, Keller is interested in using horses on damage-assessment missions.

Dillard, a high-school biology teacher, has spent much of his life around horses. Until Sept. 11, his spare time and money had been spent on Civil War reenactments, but when the United States went to war against terrorism, he decided to focus on service to his country.

"I decided I'd rather put my money and energy into something real," Dillard said.

Just a few months after the terrorist attacks, he asked Oklahoma Wing Commander Col. Virginia Keller for permission to start a mounted ground team project. With Keller's approval, Dillard spent a year writing a how-to manual for mounted team operations. The thick book, compiled from his own experience and that of other mounted search and rescue teams, outlines practical horsemanship skills and first aid for mounted ground team members and leaders.

The mounted ground team concept may have a side benefit in recruiting. Dillard has several new members working on basic emergency services qualifications who plan to train as mounted ground team members and leaders. Eventually, he hopes the wing will have a mounted force of eight to 12 members ready to ride on a moment's notice.

It's also changing the widespread belief among potential recruits that Civil Air Patrol is a "pilots-only" club. "Somebody's got to go in and find the target," said Dillard.

Maj. Charles Newcomb

TEXAS — Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Nicholas Head of Texas Wing's Tyler Composite Squadron was one of 23 cadets chosen to attend the Texas Wing Flight Academy at Waco.

Under the direction of squadron commander Capt. Hal

Schlattner, Head met the requirements for the encampment, including an essay of his accomplishments and stating why he should be selected over all the other applicants.

The Tyler Composite Squadron awarded the cadet a scholarship from the R. J. Nicotra Fund to help pay his way to the encampment. At the encampment, Head learned the fundamentals of flying the Cessna 172, and – after only 10.5 hours of flight training – made his first solo flight.

Head also attended the Air Education and Training Command School at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., this summer. After graduation from Whitehouse High School next year, Head hopes to attend the Air Force Academy, majoring in aeronautical engineering, and be a pilot.

2nd Lt. Wayne Page

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. LYNDY C. ROBINSON

COLORADO ★ IDAHO  
MONTANA ★ UTAH  
WYOMING

COLORADO — The Colorado Wing held its Powered Flight Activity at Front Range Airport, east of Denver, Colo., July 9-22.

Eight highly motivated cadets were selected to attend,

and each reached solo status and received their cadet solo wings.

Aircraft provided for the cadets were two Cessna 172s on loan from the Kansas Wing and one of Colorado Wing's C-182s. A basic ground school course was also given leading to a written pre-solo exam. During the activity, cadets toured an F-16 Fighting Falcon squadron at Buckley Air Force Base, Aurora, Colo. Adjutant General of the Colorado Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Mason C. Whitney encouraged the cadets in their endeavors and gave each a National Guard Coin of Excellence.

Representing a cross-section of the wing, cadet participants included:

➤ Boulder Composite Squadron – Master Sgt. Michelle Jakaitis;

➤ Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron – 2nd Lt. Zachary Wertenberger and Master Sgt. Kelley Millsap;

➤ Dakota Ridge Composite Squadron – Capt. Taylor Olson and Chief Master Sgt. Dylan Stark;

➤ Mustang Cadet Squadron – Capt. Joseph Visalli;

➤ Platte Valley Cadet Squadron – Tech. Sgt. Dustin Hatch; and

➤ Valkyrie Cadet Squadron – 2nd Lt. Kyle Isom.

Capt. T.K. Morton

MONTANA — Cadets from California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming attended Montana Wing's encampment, held at Fort Harrison, in Helena, Mont.

The 10-day encampment provided training in drill, moral leadership, emergency services,



From left, Capt. Janeen Hales, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stuart R. Boyd and Lt. Col. Russell E. Chazell pose after Hales and Chazell were married by Boyd in South Ogden, Utah.

Photo by Capt. Dez Keene



# HIGHLIGHTS

medic-course relays and aerospace education.

Lockheed Martin's Ron Caswell, who works in Florida on the International Space Station, lectured regarding the NASA space program and its career opportunities. He also discussed the Space Shuttle Columbia accident and its possible causes.

Later, the cadets visited the Montana Army Aviation Center in Helena. U.S. Army Maj. Malee gave the members a safety briefing on the UH-1 Iroquois "Huey" helicopter.

After that, pilot CW4 Adams took the cadets on a 45-minute helicopter ride over the city of Helena and the rural areas, viewing the treetop vista of the surrounding hills, Missouri River and Canyon Ferry Lake.

1st Lt. Paul A. Tweden

UTAH — Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stuart R. Boyd performed his first marriage as a CAP chaplain when he married Lt. Col. Russell E. Chazell, Rocky Mountain Region chief of staff, and Capt. Janeen Hales, region deputy chief of staff for cadet programs in South Ogden, Utah.

Boyd is a retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general who, after being ordained as a pastor in the International Church of the Four Square Gospel, joined CAP as a chaplain. He serves as the chaplain for Utah Wing's Thunderbird Composite Squadron.

Chazell hails from Salt Lake City. He joined CAP as a cadet

in 1978.

Hales calls Salina, Utah, her home. She joined CAP in 1995 to participate in emergency services. The couple — both former members of Utah Wing — plans to make their home in Salina.

Capt. Dez C. Keene

## PACIFIC REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. PHILLIP S. GROSHONG

ALASKA ★ CALIFORNIA  
HAWAII ★ NEVADA  
OREGON ★ WASHINGTON

CALIFORNIA — Cadet Capt. Brad Webb of California Wing's Bakersfield Composite Squadron was accepted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

When Webb filled out the three pre-candidate questionnaires for the institutions of his choice, he only dreamed he would be one of the 1,200 to be accepted into West Point.

The five-year CAP cadet graduated third in his class at Bakersfield Christian School. Before graduation, however, Webb received notice he had been accepted into West Point, but he only had days to accept.

Nothing could have kept Webb from leaving on May 8 to tour West Point, and see where he would spend the next four years of his life.

Webb credits CAP with being the catalyst of his future. "It taught me vision, leadership skills, discipline, people management and interview techniques," he said.

According to Webb, he enjoyed the regimen and order of CAP, and believes the encampments he attended prepared him for West Point.

Baseball is also a priority in Webb's life, and he plans to play second base or left field while attending West Point. Webb reported to school June 30, and according to his father, Tom Webb, the cadet is doing ok in basic training. "He is a little home sick, but we're trying to encourage him to stay focused," he said.

Sr. Mbr. Betty Jo Gentry

OREGON — Cadet 2nd Lt. Aaron Sears of Amity, Ore., was named the new cadet commander of the McMinnville Composite Squadron.

Capt. David Peterson, squadron commander, officiated as Sears assumed the office from Cadet 2nd Lt. Scott Sacks, who is leaving for college this summer.

Sears joined the local unit in September 1999 and has held the position of first sergeant and deputy cadet commander for about a year. He attended the Washington Wing encampment

in August 2002. He then passed his Gen. Billy Mitchell Award and was promoted to the rank of cadet second lieutenant in April 2003.

Sears is also the secretary for the Oregon Wing Cadet Advisory Council. The council meets every other month at wing headquarters in Eugene, Ore. Their mission is to make recommendations regarding the cadet program to the director of cadet programs.

Lt. Col. Les Peterson

WASHINGTON — Cadet Master Sgt. Logan McBride was promoted to cadet commander of the Seattle Composite Squadron.

McBride assumed command from Cadet Master Sgt. Heather Coulon. Coulon resigned her

appointment to enter the U.S. Army, where she is currently in basic training at Fort Jackson in Fayetteville, N.C.

After the change of command ceremony, the squadron held an open house, complete with a barbecue, at its headquarters on Boeing Field.

Squadron members also offered tours of their meeting area and their Cessna C-182 static display. On hand for the event were members of the Boeing Field Fire and Rescue Department and airport security police, who offered tours of their vehicles.

The large turnout allowed the Seattle squadron members to exhibit what CAP does and do a little recruiting at the same time.

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The Pentagon Memorial logo on the hood of the No. 46 CAP Chevrolet Monte Carlo in Richmond Sept. 5.

## CAP, Lewis Motorsports help make Pentagon Memorial a reality

RICHMOND, Va. — In an effort to bring more awareness to the Pentagon Memorial, a memorial commemorating the 184 lives lost in the Pentagon and American Airlines Flight 77 on Sept. 11, 2001, the No. 46 CAP Chevrolet Monte Carlo, driven by Ashton Lewis Jr. featured the logo for the Pentagon Memorial on its hood in the Funai 250 at Richmond International Raceway Sept. 5.

Construction of the memorial is being funded entirely by private donations. Family members of the victims have established the "Pentagon Memorial Fund, Inc.," a not-for-profit organization to raise the funds to build and maintain the memorial, which will be completed approximately 20 months after enough funding is available to begin the first phase.

The amount needed is about \$1.5 million. To date, about \$300,000 has been raised.

After learning about the project, Lewis Motorsports owner Ashton Lewis Sr. went to CAP Executive Director Al Allenback and asked if they would be willing to donate their hood space for the Richmond event to the Pentagon Memorial. Allenback immediately agreed.

"The CAP was pleased to help on this project," said Allenback. "Sept. 11 impacted not only the citizens of the United States, but millions of people around the world. Everyone at CAP felt, without a doubt, the Pentagon Memorial project was something we wanted to be a part of. If just one donation is made to the Pentagon Memorial Fund as a result of seeing our car on Friday night, we will feel like we have done something special."

Ashton Lewis Jr. felt especially honored to be a part of such a moving project. "Years from now, people will see this memorial and remember what happened on Sept. 11. They'll remember the men, women and children who lost their lives that day," he said. "To have even a small part in making this memorial become a reality is a big honor for me and for everyone at Lewis Motorsports."



## Bristol Motor Speedway

# Lewis takes sixth top-10 finish

BRISTOL, Tenn. (Aug. 26) — Bristol Motor Speedway lived up to its reputation this weekend. Tempers flared, cars were destroyed and fans called it the best race of the year.

Ashton Lewis Jr. started the No. 46 Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet from the 26th position for the Food City 250 on Friday night. He held his position for 17 laps before the first caution of the night came out when the No. 20 car of Mike Bliss spun on the backstretch and hit the inside retaining wall.

Racing resumed on Lap 24 with Lewis holding the 25th spot. Just two laps later, a multi-car accident occurred in Turn 1 just ahead of the CAP Chevrolet. Spotter, Tab Boyd, helped Lewis make it through the smoke and tangle of cars safely to take the caution flag. Clean up took eight laps and when the race restarted on Lap 34, Lewis was in the 22nd spot. Two more cautions came out, one for the No. 75 car hitting the wall and one for debris, before any of the competitors began making pit stops.

On Lap 66, while running in the 15th position and being closely inside their window for fuel, Lewis and crew chief Charlie Lewis made the decision

to make what would be their first and only pit stop of the night. There were very few takers on pit road, but the Lewis' knew, if they could stretch their fuel, they wouldn't have to make another stop and they could gain valuable track position. The pit stop put Lewis back in the 22nd spot.

Racing resumed on Lap 70

determined Lewis maneuvered the CAP Chevrolet into 4th. On Lap 165, he fell to 6th when two competitors got a run on his inside. He filed back in line and raced to get his position back.

Accidents on laps 173 and 196 brought out the caution. None of the leaders opted to make pit stops.

On Lap 203, the fans went wild when the No. 99 car of Michael Waltrip nudged the No. 17 of Matt Kenseth out of his way and into the wall to take the second spot. Lewis squeezed by on the top to avoid the wreckage, but two competitors were able to get by him in the process, which put Lewis in the 8th position with 22 laps to go.

Through two more cautions with accidents on laps

209 and 218, Lewis remained in the 8th spot. On Lap 229, after a long battle with the No. 12 of Tim Fedewa, the two competitors made contact sending Fedewa into the outside wall in Turn 3. Lewis continued on in his battle to bring home a top-10 finish.

With 16 laps to go, two cars got by Lewis, who was running in 7th position. Lewis fought hard for the remaining laps and allowed no one else to pass him. When the checkered flag fell, he was in 10th place.



Ashton Lewis Jr., driver of the No. 46 Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet, discusses some pre-race strategy with Charlie Lewis, his brother and the car's crew chief.

and the field raced under green for the next 36 laps. Lewis gained two spots before the yellow flag was brought out again when the No. 87 car hit the outside wall after making contact with Lewis.

During the caution, the majority of the field made their pit stops giving the CAP team the track position they had counted on. When the race went back to green, Lewis restarted in the 6th spot.

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